

FAQ Katie Beckett Information and How to Apply for Coverage

Overview

Katie Beckett is a new program to help Tennesseans under the age of 18. It provides services and support to children under the age of 18, with disabilities and/or complex medical needs who would not usually qualify for TennCare. The Katie Beckett program will help fill gaps between the child's needs and what private insurance will cover.

You can start applying for Katie Beckett beginning November 23rd, 2020.

Important things to know about the Katie Beckett Program

- You must be under the age of 18 to qualify for Katie Beckett.
- You must have disabilities and/or complex medical needs that may require institutional care or put you at risk for needing institutional care.
- You would qualify for SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and for Medicaid if you were getting care in an institution.
- You do not qualify for Medicaid because of your parents' income or resources.
- The cost of the services you need at home is the same or less than the cost of care you would get in an institution.

Frequently Asked Questions about how to apply for Katie Beckett

How do I apply for Katie Beckett?

You must apply for Katie Beckett online. Go to tenncareconnect.tn.gov and click on "Create Account" or "Sign In" if you already have an account. From your TennCare Connect account, you'll want to APPLY NOW for Medicaid. Be sure to click "YES" when it asks if you want to apply for Katie Beckett. When you finish answering the questions in the application, click "SUBMIT". Your Katie Beckett application will be sent to DIDD (Department for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), and they will start the referral process.

When can I apply for Katie Beckett?

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Can I apply for Katie Beckett over the phone? Can I use a paper application to apply for Katie Beckett?

No. You can only apply for Katie Beckett online using your TennCare Connect account.

How do I create a TennCare Connect account?

Go to tenncareconnect.tn.gov and click on “Create Account”. If you have more questions about how to create your TennCare Connect account, call TennCare Connect at **855-259-0701**. They can help you create an online account, but you still must apply for Katie Beckett coverage online. You can’t apply over the phone.

Can I apply for Katie Beckett using the mobile app on my phone?

No. You can only apply for Katie Beckett online using your TennCare Connect account. You can use your phone to sign into your TennCare Connect account and apply that way, but it will be easier to apply using a computer.

I got a Renewal Packet in the mail. Can I add a family to it and apply for Katie Beckett that way?

No. You can only apply for Katie Beckett online using your TennCare Connect account. But you must still complete your Renewal Packet and send it to us by the deadline.

Do I have to complete a separate application for other family members?

No. Everyone in your household can apply at the same time. Be sure to list them when you APPLY NOW in your TennCare Connect account.

Should I fill out the parents’ income and resource information when I apply? I thought the parents’ information would not count.

Yes. List the parents’ information when you apply for Katie Beckett. We will use this information to see if the child qualifies for Medicaid. Then we will use the parents’ information to calculate premiums.

Who do I put down as the Head of Household?

The first person you list on the application is considered the Head of Household. This is the person in your home who is mostly responsible for taking care of your TennCare Connect account and your health insurance.