



## What Are the Eligibility Requirements?

To qualify for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway in the District of Columbia (DC), a child must:

- 1 Be a DC resident
- 2 Be a US citizen or have eligible immigration status
- 3 Be under 19 years of age
- 4 Have an individual income below the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) annual federal benefit rate
- 5 Have individual resources below \$4,000
- 6 Meet Social Security's disability requirement
- 7 Meet the level of care for an institutional setting
- 8 Be able to safely live at home at a cost that does not exceed the cost of living in an institution
- 9 Not be otherwise eligible for Medicaid

### My child has private insurance. Can we still apply for DC Medicaid?

**Yes.** Your child may have both DC Medicaid and other health insurance. The other insurance must be billed first before seeking reimbursement from DC Medicaid for medically necessary services that your private health insurance does not cover. You must report to DC Medicaid if you and your child have any other health insurance.



## Other Information on the Katie Beckett Pathway

### How often do I have to renew my child's coverage?

All Medicaid beneficiaries must renew their coverage every 12 months. A renewal packet will be sent to your home 90 days before it is due, along with instructions for completing the forms.

### What happens when my child turns 18?

Katie Beckett coverage ends when a child turns 19. When your child turns 18, DC Medicaid representatives will contact you to assist with transition planning. This could include applying for SSI or other resources that your child may need as an adult.

### Who do I contact for more information?

If you have additional questions about the Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway or services provided under the Medicaid program, contact:

#### Department of Health Care Finance Division of Children's Health Services

Attn: TEFRA/Katie Beckett  
441 4th Street NW, Suite 900S  
Washington, DC 20001  
Email: [HealthCheck@dc.gov](mailto:HealthCheck@dc.gov)  
Phone: 202-442-5988

There is additional information and a more in-depth FAQ on our website:

[dhcf.dc.gov/katiebeckett](https://dhcf.dc.gov/katiebeckett)

# What is the Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway to Medicaid?





## What is the Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway?

The Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway is a Medicaid eligibility group within the DC Medicaid program that allows children with terminal or long-term disabilities to receive care at home instead of residing in an institution.

Normally, when a child lives at home and applies for Medicaid, the entire family's income and assets are counted, so the child may not qualify for coverage. The Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway considers only the child's income and assets, rather than the entire household's, when the household's income is too high to qualify for Medicaid.

Children in the Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway receive the same benefits as any other child enrolled in Medicaid. The services must be medically necessary and delivered by a DC Medicaid provider. Learn more about the Medicaid program at [dhcf.dc.gov/service/medicaid](https://dhcf.dc.gov/service/medicaid).



## How Do I Apply for Coverage Through the Katie Beckett Eligibility Pathway?

### STEP 1

The family must apply for regular Medicaid coverage through one of the following ways:

**Online:** Go to the District Direct website at [direct.dc.gov](https://direct.dc.gov) or download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

**Department of Human Services Service Centers:** Go to one of the service centers to get help from a caseworker or to drop off an application. You can find locations and hours on the DHS website: [dhs.dc.gov/service/find-service-center-near-you](https://dhs.dc.gov/service/find-service-center-near-you).

**Mail:** Send your completed application to:

**Department of Human Services  
Economic Security Administration**  
Case Record Management Unit  
P.O. Box 91560  
Washington, DC 20090

**Phone:** Call the Public Benefits Call Center at 202-727-5355.

**Fax:** Fax your application to 202-671-4400.

If your household meets all eligibility requirements, you will receive an approval notice.

If your household does not meet all eligibility requirements, you will receive a denial notice. If your household is denied because its income is too high and a child (or multiple children) with a disability lives there, a Katie Beckett application packet will be mailed to you.

### STEP 2

You must submit the Katie Beckett application packet (including clinical documents) to the Division of Children's Health Services at the Department of Health Care Finance:

**Email:** [HealthCheck@dc.gov](mailto:HealthCheck@dc.gov)

**Mail:** Send your completed application to:

**Department of Health Care Finance  
Division of Children's Health Services**  
Attn: TEFRA/Katie Beckett  
441 4th Street NW, Suite 900S  
Washington, DC 20001

**Required Katie Beckett documents include:**

- TEFRA/Katie Beckett application
- Pediatric Level of Care Determination Form
- TEFRA/Katie Beckett Care Plan Form
- Supporting documents, such as Letter of Medical Necessity, Individualized Education Program/Individualized Family Service Plan, and therapy assessments such as diagnostic reports

### STEP 3

DC Medicaid will make an eligibility determination and send you an approval or denial letter.

