



TEFRA/Katie Beckett Application Fact Sheet

TEFRA/Katie Beckett Overview

If a family is determined over-income for District of Columbia (DC) Medicaid and has a child with disabilities or complex medical needs, then their child may be eligible under the TEFRA/Katie Beckett eligibility pathway. The TEFRA/Katie Beckett is an eligibility pathway for the DC Medicaid Program for certain children with long-term disabilities or complex medical needs who live at home. It allows children to be served at home by the family with additional supports, instead of residing in an institution.

If a child is eligible for DC Medicaid under TEFRA/Katie Beckett, then he or she can receive the same benefit package as any child enrolled in Medicaid.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for DC Medicaid under TEFRA/Katie Beckett, the child must:

- Be a resident of the District of Columbia;
- Be a US citizen or have eligible immigration status;
- Be eighteen (18) years old or younger;
- Have income less than 300% of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and resources totaling less than \$4,000;
- Have a disability that is terminal or expected to last for more than 12 months (or otherwise meet the definition of disabled under the Social Security Act);
- Require a level of care that is typically provided in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility (including intermediate care facility for people with intellectual disabilities);
- Require an estimated cost of care in the home that does not exceed the cost of institutional care;
- Be able to safely live at home; and
- Be ineligible for Medicaid under a different eligibility category.

Medicaid and Other Insurance

A child may have DC Medicaid (under TEFRA/Katie Beckett) and other health insurance. In those instances, the other insurance is billed first and then Medicaid provides “wrap-around” coverage for medically necessary services that a private insurance plan may not cover.

Application Process

All Medicaid applications must be submitted to the Economic Security Administration (ESA) in the Department of Human Services. ESA is the agency responsible for making eligibility determinations for DC Medicaid. ESA will first review the application for Medicaid eligibility under other eligibility categories, including whether the whole family is eligible for Medicaid.

If ESA determines that a family is over-income for DC Medicaid, then the family proceeds in submitting the TEFRA/Katie Beckett Medicaid Level of Care Determination documents.

TEFRA/KATIE BECKETT APPLICATION PROCESS & REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Step 1: Submit the following documents to ESA to determine Medicaid Eligibility:

- Combined Application for Medical Assistance, Food Stamps, Cash Assistance; and
- Proof of citizenship, identity, and child and family income and resources.

Step 2: Submit Level Of Care Determination documents to the Division of Children’s Health Services at the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF):

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

Annual Renewal Process

Families are required to renew their child’s TEFRA/Katie Beckett Medicaid eligibility on an annual basis. Families will receive a 90 day notice for renewal and continuation in Medicaid program from ESA and DHCF. All required documents (as listed above) must be submitted 60 days prior to the renewal date.

Providers must be enrolled in DC Medicaid

Once a child is deemed Medicaid eligible under TEFRA/Katie Beckett, then he or she can receive services by a DC Medicaid provider. If the child is already receiving services from a provider, and the family wants to continue seeing that provider, then that provider must be enrolled in the DC Medicaid. For more information on how to enroll in DC Medicaid, providers should contact Healthcheck@dc.gov.

Where to Get Forms

All forms can be obtained by contacting either of the offices listed below or on [DHCF website](#).

For more information contact:

Department of Health Care Finance
Division of Children’s Health Services
Attn: TEFRA/Katie Beckett Coverage Group
441 4th Street, N.W, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 442-5957
Email address: HealthCheck@dc.gov

Department of Human Services
Economic Security Administration
Attn: Rebecca Shields
645 H Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 698-4236
Email address: Rebecca.Shields@dc.gov or
tashia.perry@dc.gov

If you have additional questions about DC Medicaid coverage through TEFRA/Katie Beckett, please review the “Medicaid and TEFRA/Katie Beckett: Frequently Asked Questions” document on the [DHCF website](#).