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Katie Beckett Medicaid

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Katie Beckett, 3, in 1981 leaving a hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with her parents after a victory over health care red tape.

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International

Katie Beckett

- Katie Beckett, born in Iowa in 1978, contracted viral encephalitis in infancy, resulting in significant, lifelong medical needs.
- Medicaid would pay for her care if hospitalized. There was no pathway to Medicaid that allowed children to be cared for in their home, regardless of their parent's income.





Who do we serve?

Children who have

- Developmental disabilities
- Mental health needs
- Physical disabilities
- Chronic medical illnesses



Katie Beckett Medicaid Eligibility Criteria

- Under 19 years old
- Disabled as defined under Social Security Act (SSA)
- Wisconsin resident
- US citizen or qualifying immigrant
- Residing in an eligible community-based setting
- Meet level of care based on the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) functional screen
- Child income requirements



Katie Beckett Medicaid Application Process

Intake

- Family reaches out or a referral is received
- General information shared
- Eligibility/functional screen visit scheduled

Family Visit

- Application completed
- Functional screen interview completed
- All required paperwork completed

Disability Determination

- Application, functional screen, and record review completed
- Determination made based on criteria of SSA



Children's Long-Term Support Functional Screen



- The Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) functional screen is used across numerous programs supporting children with special needs in Wisconsin.
- The CLTS functional screen determines if a child meets a level of care required as part of eligibility determination.



Katie Beckett Medicaid Disability Determination Process

- Disability determinations are the responsibility of the Bureau of Clinical Policy and Pharmacy (BCPP).
- Eligibility specialists and BCPP reviewers work in close collaboration.
- Necessary family communication is coordinated through the eligibility specialist the family has worked with.



Katie Beckett Medicaid Renewals

Medicaid Renewal

- Completed annually
- Demographic information is confirmed
- Financial eligibility is reviewed

Disability

Redetermination

- Completed every 1, 3, 5, or 7 years
- Current medical, therapy, and school records are reviewed
- Functional eligibility is reviewed



Coordination with Community Partners

- Families reaching out directly is our most common source of referrals.
- We receive and send referrals frequently with our community partners.
- We continue to make efforts to ensure we are sharing information to ease family access.



Talking Points for Families

- Katie Beckett Medicaid is a unique pathway to Medicaid.
- Household income is not counted.
- Individuals can have additional insurance.
- Eligibility determination requires an eligible functional screen and disability determination.
- An eligibility specialist will work with the family from intake to eligibility determination.
- A diagnosis by a medical provider is required.
- Medical, therapy, and school records are reviewed.



Connecting a Family to Katie Beckett Medicaid

- Share general information about Katie Beckett Medicaid.
- Help a family complete the required forms.
- Coordinate the family connecting with our intake line or email inbox.
- Eligibility specialists are happy to take referrals from our partners and reach out to a family.



Katie Beckett Medicaid Modernization Project

- Katie Beckett Medicaid has recently transitioned from the Children's Program Intake Platform (CPIP) to CARES Worker Web (CWW).
- This system change will enhance how members apply for benefits, access their benefit information, and explore alternative programs and supports, providing a more integrated and user-friendly experience.
- Members cannot, however, report changes or fully renew benefits online. These features will be added in late 2025.



Katie Beckett Medicaid Modernization Project

- Katie Beckett Medicaid members can manage their benefits on Wisconsin's secure ACCESS website.
- Current features:
 - Apply for benefits
 - View benefits
 - Check upcoming actions needed
 - See renewal dates
 - Upload documents
 - Update demographic information





Fun Facts

- On average, 1,086 individuals are determined eligible for Katie Beckett Medicaid per month.
- An average of 240 intakes/initial applications are submitted monthly.
- Our central intake phone line receives an average of 758 calls per month.



Contact Us

Katie Beckett Medicaid Central Intake



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[Katie Beckett Medicaid | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)



Resources



- [Katie Beckett Medicaid: Forms and Publications | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- [Katie Beckett Defied The Odds, Helped Other Disabled Kids Live Longer : Shots - Health News : NPR](#)
- [Celebrating the Life of Katie Beckett \(1978-2012\) \(youtube.com\)](#)





Questions and Answers

