

Factsheet on “Katie Beckett” Medicaid

“Katie Beckett” Medicaid coverage is a pathway to Medicaid eligibility for certain children with serious health conditions who live at home. Children with “Katie Beckett” coverage get full Medicaid benefits, the same benefits that all Medicaid eligible children get.

What is the “Katie Beckett” Medicaid coverage called in Vermont and New Hampshire?

- In New Hampshire it is called Home Care for Children with Severe Disabilities (NH CHC-CDS), and in Vermont it is called Disabled Children’s Home Care (VT DCHC).

What are the eligibility criteria?

1. The child is under 19 years of age and determined to be disabled by standards of the Social Security Administration in Vermont and by NH standards of disability (similar to but not exactly same as Social Security).
2. The child requires a level of care in the home that is typically provided in a medical or psychiatric hospital or other institution.
3. The child’s care can be safely and appropriately delivered in the family’s home.
4. The child’s income and assets must *NOT* exceed the resource and Income standards as defined by either NH Medicaid or VT. Medicaid. The parents’ income and assets are not counted.
5. The cost of care provided in the home does not exceed the cost Medicaid would pay for care in a hospital or institution.

If a child has employer-sponsored or other health insurance, can he or she still apply for “Katie Beckett” Medicaid coverage?

- Yes, a child can still apply if the parents/ guardians have other health insurance. Medicaid will be the payer of last resort. This means that the other health insurance will be billed first. Some families use Medicaid to cover services that aren’t covered by the child’s primary health insurance or for services that may have caps or limits on the amount of service.

Will my child get 24 hour care in our home?

- *NO. A treatment plan will be developed for services to be provided and paid for by Medicaid.*

Will Katie Beckett Medicaid cover services outside my home?

- *It may. The services need to be those that Medicaid covers and is provided by an enrolled Medicaid provider. Examples of such treatments might be physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy.*

How does a family apply?

1. Before beginning the process of application to CHC-CDS in New Hampshire or DCHC in Vermont, please check out *your* family's eligibility for NH Healthy Kids-Gold or Dr. Dynasaur in Vermont. Eligibility for these programs is based on family size and income. These programs offer the same benefits *that "Katie Beckett" Medicaid children get.*
2. If the family doesn't qualify for the NH Healthy Kids-Gold or VT's Dr. Dynasaur, *then* ask for a NH CHC-CDS or VT DCHC application.
3. The "*Katie Beckett*" application has three parts: an application, *information about the child's medical condition and treatments*, and authorizations for release of information. An authorization for release is necessary for all the child's providers, *and* agencies that may be working with the child (ie Pathways of the Rivervalley).
4. While not *required*, it is very helpful to include with the application a home care plan documented from the medical providers indicating what services need to be in place in the home and who provides these services.

Helpful Resources

1. New Hampshire

- *NH Healthy Kids-Gold is NH's children's Medicaid program based on the household size and family income.*
<http://www.nhhealthykids.com/>
Telephone: 1-877-464-2447
- *NH Home Care for Children with Severe Disabilities (HC-CSD) aka "Katie Beckett"*
<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/medical/children.htm>
- *Application for HC-CSD can be made at your local district office of the NH Dept. of Health and Human Services – Division of Family Assistance. To locate the office nearest you:*
<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/index.htm>
Telephone: NH Client Services at 1-800-852-3345

2. Vermont

- Dr. Dynasaur is VT's children's Medicaid program based on the household size and family income. More information can be obtained by contacting Green Mountain Care.
<http://www.greenmountaincare.org/>
Telephone 1-800-250-8427
- For questions regarding "Katie Beckett", please call Member Services at 1-800-250-8427, Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM .

3. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

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