



The Katie Beckett Program

Help for Maine children with severe disabilities

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Children may qualify for Katie Beckett if they are:

- Severely disabled.
- 18 years old or less.
- Not eligible for MaineCare in a different category.
- Not living in a medical institution.
- Meet the Social Security definition for disability.

Your child does not need to have a Social Security disability decision to apply.

MaineCare's medical review team will look at the child's medical history to determine if they meet the disability guidelines. If your child cannot do the everyday things other children their age can do, it is a good idea to submit an application. You can find an application [here](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/mainecare-options/children): www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/mainecare-options/children

Health care services include:

- Case management
- Dental Care
- Doctor visits
- Rides to doctor visits
- Hospital and emergency care
- Labs and x-rays
- Medications
- Substance use and mental health services
- Specialist care
- Family Planning
- And much more

Children may get Katie Beckett even with private insurance.

Some families choose to keep both. Other families choose to have one or the other. Sometimes, MaineCare pays insurance premiums for Katie Beckett program members.

How much will it cost?

Your family's premium will depend on your household income and family size. Premiums are lower if your child has other health insurance coverage. Parents' income is considered when calculating the monthly premium. It is not counted when determining the child's eligibility.

Need help?

Call the Maine Consumer Assistance Helpline at **1-800-965-7476**.

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