Katie Beckett Program

Help for Maine children with severe disabilities under 19

Children may get 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,
- Meeting the Social Security definition for disability.
  But, you don’t have to have a Social Security disability decision to apply.

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

MaineCare’s medical review team looks at the child’s medical history. They want to see if they meet disability guidelines. Applying is the best way to tell if a child will meet the guidelines.

Can your child do everyday things children that age can do? If not, it may be worth applying. To apply, go to CoverME.gov. Call 1-800-965-7476 for information.

Children may get Katie Beckett even with private insurance.
Some families choose to keep both. Other families choose to have one or the other. MaineCare might pay insurance premiums for Katie Beckett program members.

How much will it cost?
The premiums for Katie Beckett can be as low as $11 a month for some families. Your family’s premium will depend partly on your household income. It makes a difference if your child also has private health insurance coverage. Premiums are lower for people who have that with Katie Beckett. The parents’ income is not looked at for eligibility. But parent income is looked at when figuring the monthly premium.

Need help?
The advocates at the Consumer Assistance HelpLine at 1-800-965-7476 can help you calculate an estimate for how much your premium might be.