

NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS THE KATIE BECKETT ELIGIBILITY OPTION

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Under 134 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), States are allowed to make Medicaid benefits available to eligible children with disabilities who would not ordinarily qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of parents' income or resources.

The "Katie Beckett Eligibility Option" is an optional Medicaid eligibility category **which allows a State to waive parental income and resources** for any child under 19 years old who is disabled **and** meets a level of care that would make the child eligible for placement in a hospital, nursing facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR).

If a child qualifies for Medicaid under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option, Medicaid covers medically necessary services as defined under the Medicaid State Plan.

There is a monetary limit to the Medicaid medical coverage costs. The cost of the child's care in the home must be no higher than the amount Medicaid would pay if the child was institutionalized.

Applications for Medicaid under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option are made at your local Welfare/Medicaid Office (the phone numbers are listed on the back of this sheet.). Be sure to take

- school and medical records,
- verification of income for you and your child, and
- some verification of the severity of your child's disability

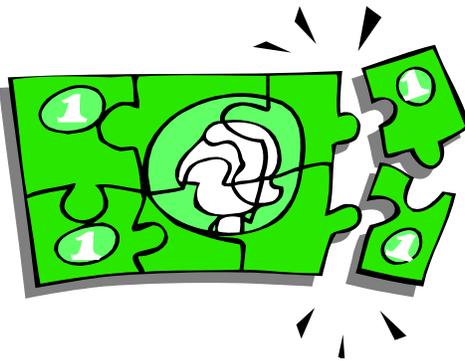
to your appointment. Your early intervention service coordinator or eligibility caseworker can assist you in locating these items if you need help.

Even if you think your child might not be eligible because of income or severity of need, you should apply. And you can always appeal a decision.

What is my cost?

There may be a parental financial responsibility based on the parent's income and resources for those children qualifying under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option. The amount of money that the parents would be required to pay is determined by the Nevada State Welfare Division and is based on a sliding fee schedule.

Important Note: If your family qualifies for parental financial responsibility, this applies on a monthly basis regardless if services were accessed or not.



How to apply:

- Apply for SSI/Medicaid — when applying for Medicaid, be sure to complete the Medical Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (MAABD) portion.
- Advise the caseworker that you are applying for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option.
- Fill out the application as if the child is applying him/herself for SSI and Medicaid
- **Do not leave any questions unanswered**, as unanswered questions delay actions on applications. If necessary, print N/A.

If you have questions about ANY of these programs or services, ask your service coordinator to assist you.

Your Service Coordinator May Help You Access The Katie Beckett Eligibility Option

Criteria for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option:

- The child must have a disability based on criteria established by the Social Security Administration, but does not qualify for SSI due to the income or resources of the parents... and
- The child must have a level of care that would be provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded... and
- A physician must validate that it is safe and appropriate for the child to receive necessary services in the home... and
- Costs for medical coverage cannot exceed the amount that Medicaid would pay if the child were institutionalized (this depends on the specific level of care).

If your child is denied Medicaid under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option, call your local Welfare/Community resource numbers listed on this page to get information about other waivers/programs and or services that might be available for your child.

Welfare/Medicaid Offices Numbers

Carson City	(775) 684-0800
Elko	(775) 753-1233
Ely	(775) 289-1650
Fallon	(775) 423-3161
Hawthorne	(775) 945-3602
Henderson	(702) 486-5000
Las Vegas - Belrose St.	(702) 486-1646
Las Vegas - Cambridge St.	(702) 486-9400
Las Vegas - Flamingo Rd.	(702) 486-9400
Las Vegas - Nellis Blvd.	(702) 486-4828
Las Vegas - Owens Ave.	(702) 486-1899
Pahrump	(775) 751-7400
Reno District	(775) 684-7200
Winnemucca	(775) 623-6557
Yerington	(775) 463-3028

Service Coordinator: _____

Phone Number: _____

NV Division of Welfare & Supportive Services — <https://dwss.nv.gov/>

AGING and DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION IDEA PART C OFFICE

3416 Goni Rd., Bldg. D, Suite 132
Carson City, NV 89706
Phone: 775-687-4210
Fax: 775-687-4264

Project ASSIST
Toll Free: 1-800-522-0066

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Project ASSIST is Nevada's Central Directory and computer database of agencies, organizations, and programs that serve children or young adults with disabilities up to age 21, and their families.

Information is available on:

- parent support groups,
- screening, diagnosis and assessment,
- early intervention programs for infants and toddlers,
- preschool special education services,
- education, health, and social services,
- vocational training,
- therapy,
- counseling and psychological services,
- advocacy organizations,
- financial and legal assistance,
- and many other services.

