

## Medicaid Eligibility Guide for Katie Beckett Group



The Katie Beckett group is a special eligibility category that allows certain children who are residents of Mississippi with long-term disabilities and complex medical needs, living at home with their families in lieu of an institutional facility, to qualify for Medicaid.

### Eligibility Requirements

Children who may not be eligible for other Medicaid programs because the income or assets of their parent(s) are too high may be eligible for Medicaid through the Katie Beckett Group program if the child meets all of the following criteria:

1. The child is under age 19 and determined to be disabled using Social Security disability rules.
2. The child requires a level of care at home that is typically provided in a hospital or nursing facility or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.
3. The child can be provided safe and appropriate care in the family home.
4. The child does not have income or assets in his or her name in excess of the current standards for an individual in long term care.
5. The child does not incur a cost to the Medicaid Program that exceeds the cost Medicaid would pay if the child were in an institutional setting.

***This program is in compliance with federal regulations: 42 CFR §§435.225, 409.31-409.34, 440.10, 440.150, and 483.440.***

### Information Likely to Support the Application

- Documentation of a history/physical exam completed within the last 12 months including the frequency, duration, and cause of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency room visits.
- Medical records from any treating provider (physician, therapist, etc.) with examples of observed tasks that demonstrate or support the existing level of functioning as it relates to the child's need for assistance with age appropriate activities of daily living and the need for care in an institution.
- Parents may provide examples of a child's routine schedule, which documents the type of intensive care required to actually care for the child's daily needs. Please include any specialized parent training in the past 12 months specifically related to the care of the child's medical condition, i.e., training in CPR, glucose monitoring, suctioning, behavior modification, etc.

### General Information

- Qualification is not based on a diagnosis or disability alone, but the child's medically documented institutional level of care needs from the preceding 12-months.
- The level of care can be reassessed every one to three years based on the current needs of the child.
- Benefits cannot be provided to a child whose need is shared by all children of the same age. Consideration is given to the child's age and the usual expected developmental level of functioning for his/her particular age group.
- A parent or authorized representative may reapply at any time if the child's medical condition changes significantly.

<b>Summary of Institutional Level of Care</b>	If you have questions about Medicaid eligibility or want to apply, call (toll free) 1-800-421-2408 or contact your nearest Medicaid Regional Office in:	
<b>Hospital</b> – This level of care is appropriate for children who require services 24 hours per day and those services would ordinarily be furnished in an appropriately licensed institution, for the care of patients with disorders other than mental illness. These services must be furnished safely and effectively in the home setting, just as in an inpatient hospital setting.	Brandon	601-825-0477
<b>Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities</b> – This level of care is appropriate for children who have received a psychological assessment or developmental evaluation from a medical professional, and the child meets certain factors related to an intellectual or developmental disability.	Brookhaven	601-835-2020
	Clarksdale	662-627-1493
	Cleveland	662-843-7753
	Columbia	601-731-2271
	Columbus	662-329-2190
	Corinth	662-286-8091
	Greenville	662-332-9370
	Greenwood	662-455-1053
	Grenada	662-226-4406
	Gulfport	228-863-3328
	Hattiesburg	601-264-5386
	Hinds County	601-978-2399
	Kosciusko	662-289-4477
	Laurel	601-425-3175
	Madison County	601-576-3350
	McComb	601-249-2071
	Meridian	601-483-9944
	Natchez	601-445-4971
	New Albany	662-534-0441
	Newton	601-635-5205
	Oxford	662-371-1365
	Pascagoula	228-762-9591
	Philadelphia	601-656-3131
	Picayune	601-798-0831
	Senatobia	662-562-0147
	Starkville	662-323-3688
	Tupelo	662-844-5304
	Vicksburg	601-638-6137
	Yazoo City	662-746-2309
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