

## How to apply for Katie Beckett

In order to apply for the Katie Beckett form of Medicaid you will need to apply for income-based Medicaid first. See the details below on each of the application processes.

### Medicaid application

To apply for income Medicaid, one option is to go into the Medicaid office, go early in the day if possible, with proof of income and private insurance. Families have been getting denied instantly and then their information is passed onto the Katie Beckett program. You may need to request a disability evaluation with Katie Beckett. Or you can fill out the Medicaid application. Follow the tips below to help the process go more smoothly:

- Write Katie Beckett at the top of the Medicaid application in bold letters.
- If you want your care coordinator to be an authorized representative, page 1 question 15, check **yes** and fill out appendix A.
- Make sure when it asks if your child has a disability to check **yes**. (Page 5, question 4)
- Also make sure to check **yes** that you need help paying for medical costs from the last 3 months for your child even if you do not (Page 8, question 1)

You can apply online at <https://idalink.idaho.gov/>. Submit the Medicaid application to Health and Welfare (**keep a copy!**). It is passed onto the Self Reliance division to review income guidelines and determine whether you qualify for regular Medicaid. If your income is within guidelines to qualify for regular Medicaid, you will be instantly approved and notified. If your income exceeds Medicaid guidelines, they forward your application to the Katie Beckett division of Medicaid for a disability/medical evaluation. You can also apply over the phone at 1-855-289-1427.

### Katie Beckett application

Once income Medicaid is denied, Liberty Healthcare will mail you the Katie Beckett application along with a Developmental Disability program application. You do not have to complete the DD application at that time if you are not ready or familiar with those services yet. But you will have only 10 days to complete the Katie Beckett application. To ensure an expedited, fair and accurate review of eligibility for Katie Beckett, you must include the following information to Health and Welfare:

- The completed Katie Beckett application titled **Home Care for Certain Disabled Children**
- The **Physician's Medical Care Evaluation form** included in the Katie Beckett application needs to be completed by your child's pediatrician.
- Most recent **well child check** from your physician. (medical records)

- Documentation of **child's diagnosis** by qualified physician

Submit all of the above and it will be reviewed. Then you will receive a call from *Liberty Healthcare Corporation* who will schedule an appointment in your home to complete the **Vineland** which is an adaptive behavior assessment. Remember your answers should reflect as if your child has NO supports, meaning no guidance/assistance from parents, and is without medication. (Some people may not have this evaluation. If you completed one about your child within the last year, include it with your Katie Beckett application). After the evaluation is done and sent back to Health and Welfare they will notify you if your child qualified or not.

### **After qualifying**

- Katie Beckett is Medicaid, so you will receive a Medicaid card, which is on white paper, with a number.
- Medicaid becomes the child's secondary insurance coverage. Notify all of your child's providers of the new insurance.
- Your child's Medicaid coverage will be back dated 3 months from the date you initially applied. Contact the billing office for your child's provider offices to find out if they can bill for services that were within that 3 month back period forward. Some services need a prior authorization so those cannot be billed for again through Medicaid.
- Sometimes families will get a "bill" from Katie Beckett since they now know your income, to see if you'll help pay for visit costs. You are not obligated to pay this, it's voluntary, and Medicaid will remain if you don't pay it.