

# Katie Beckett Medicaid

Katie Beckett Medicaid provides Wisconsin Medicaid coverage to children living at home who have disabilities, chronic illness, or mental health needs to the point of meeting special eligibility requirements. A child can qualify even if:

- Their parents have too much income or assets to qualify for other kinds of Medicaid.
- They have private health insurance.

## Who is eligible?

To get Katie Beckett Medicaid, your child must:

- Be under age 19.
- Meet the definition of “disabled” under the Social Security Act.
- Be a U.S. citizen or qualifying immigrant.
- Be a Wisconsin resident.
- Live at home, in a foster care setting, or in another eligible community-based setting.
- Meet “functional level of care” eligibility. This means the child needs the kind of care typically provided by a hospital or long-term care facility.
- Receive safe and appropriate care at home.
- Not have income in their name that is more than the current income limit for those living in an institution.
- Not receive care at home that costs more than the care they would receive in a long-term care facility covered by Medicaid.

## What is the application process?

Parents can apply for Katie Beckett Medicaid for their child, however is easiest for them.

- Online at [access.wi.gov](https://access.wi.gov)
- Call 888-786-3246
- Email [DHSKatieBeckett@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSKatieBeckett@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

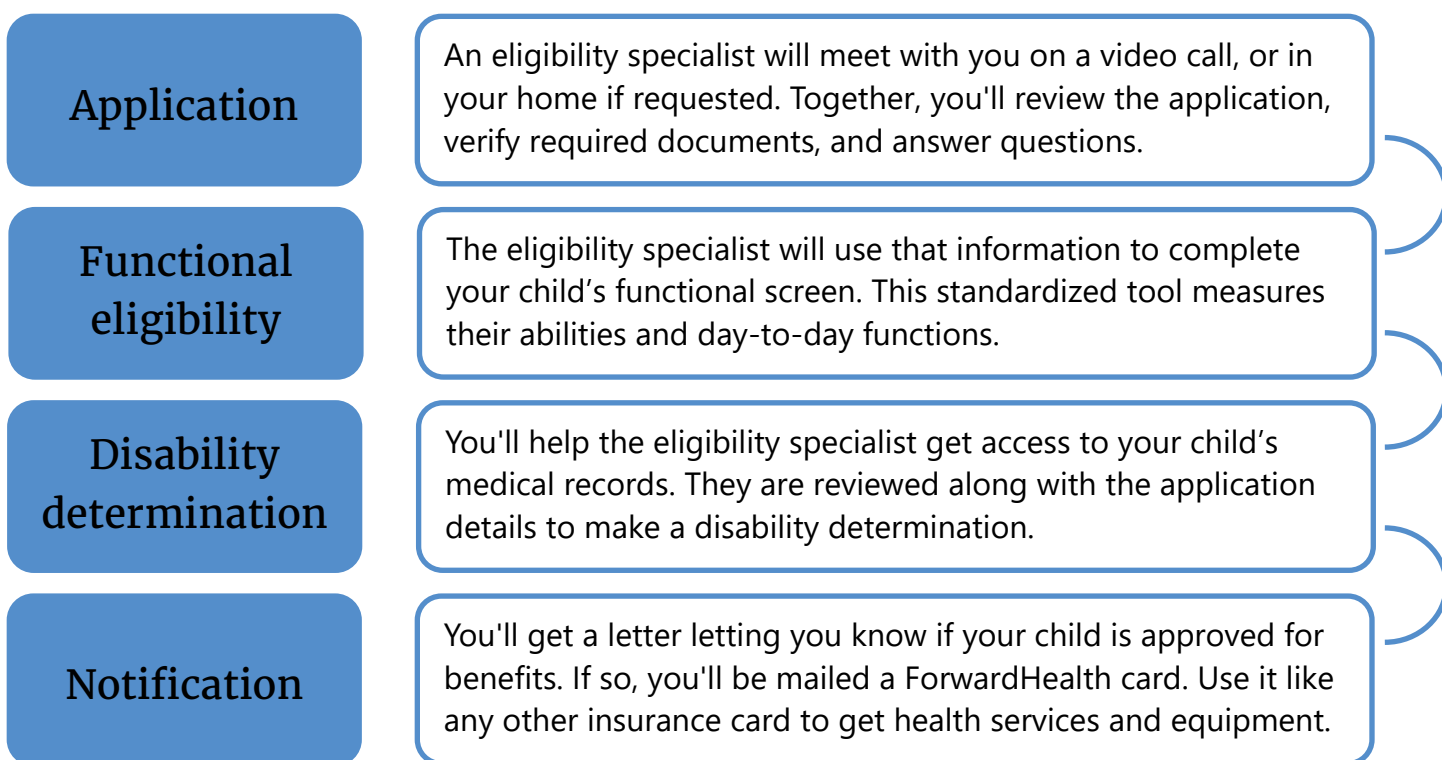
## Who was Katie Beckett?

Katie Beckett was a child with complex health care needs. Her family advocated that the best treatments and services for her were available at home and in a community setting, not in an institution or hospital. The federal government created a special group of Medicaid coverage for kids like Katie Beckett.



## Getting benefits

Katie Beckett Medicaid eligibility specialists answer questions and provide support through the application process. The application process determines if a child is eligible for Katie Beckett Medicaid. To qualify, a child must meet a certain functional level of care. They must also be disabled as defined by the Social Security Administration. Here's how the process works.



## Renewals

Medicaid eligibility must be renewed every year, or whenever there's a big change in the child's condition. Every child enrolled in Katie Beckett also requires a disability redetermination every one to seven years, depending on their medical diagnosis.

## Resources

Katie Beckett Medicaid home page  
[dhs.wi.gov/kbp/index.htm](https://dhs.wi.gov/kbp/index.htm)

Medicaid and Children's Services Program  
Benefits Overview P-02996  
[dhs.wi.gov/library/collection/p-02996](https://dhs.wi.gov/library/collection/p-02996).

Katie Beckett Medicaid Renewal Flyer for  
Members, P-03553  
[dhs.wi.gov/library/collection/p-03553](https://dhs.wi.gov/library/collection/p-03553).

## Questions

For specific coverage questions, call Member Services at 800-362-3002. Their hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For other help, contact a Katie Beckett eligibility specialist at 888-786-3246 or email [DHSKatieBeckett@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSKatieBeckett@dhs.wisconsin.gov).