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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 disabled children who would not ordinarily qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of the parents' income or resources.

"Katie Beckett" is an optional eligibility category under Medicaid which allows a State to waive parental income and resources for any child under 19 years of age that is disabled **and** meets a level of care that would be eligible for placement in a hospital, nursing facility (NF) or intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled (ICF/IID).

If your child qualifies under Katie Beckett, he or she will receive Medicaid coverage which includes medically necessary hospital care (in-patient and out-patient), physician care/services, most physician prescribed medications, vision and dental care, and other services provided in the home which would normally be provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled.

There is a monetary limit to the medical coverage cost reimbursed which must be no higher than the amount Medicaid would pay were the child institutionalized.

You apply for this program at the Craig District Welfare Office—3223 W. Craig Rd., Suite 140, N. Las Vegas, 89032. You need a MAABD application which can be picked up at the Craig office or on-line at DWSS.NV.Gov. Even if you think your child might not be eligible because of income or severity of need, you should apply.

#### 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 Option. The amount of money that the parents would be required to pay is determined by the Nevada Division of Welfare and Social Services and is based on a sliding fee schedule.

#### How to Apply

- ◆ Apply for SSI Medicaid—when applying for Medicaid, be sure to complete the MAABD (Medical Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled) portion.
- ◆ Provide written denial of SSI.
- ◆ Notify the Welfare eligibility caseworker that you are applying for the Katie Beckett Option for Medicaid eligibility. Write Katie Beckett on the top of the MAABD application.
- ◆ When filling out the application, **DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS EMPTY.** Put "n/a" if Necessary.
- ◆ Fill out the application as if your child was completing it.

#### Criteria for the Katie Beckett Option of Medicaid Eligibility

The child must have a disability based on criteria established by the Social Security Administration but does not qualify for SSI due to parental income and resources

AND

The child must have a level of care that would be provided in a hospital, nursing facility or intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled

AND

A physician must validate that it is 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 (the established amount is dependent on the specific level of care).

Your child may qualify for other Medicaid Programs—Ask your Welfare eligibility caseworker for more information.