

How to Apply for Katie Beckett Medicaid Deeming Waiver in Georgia

****Prior to applying for Katie Beckett, please review the TEFRA/Katie Beckett Fact Sheet***

The following recommendations/steps came from the Atlanta Speech Therapy website at www.atlspeechtherapy.com. Please do not contact them regarding Katie Beckett. These are only suggestions and they are not a resource for Katie Beckett. It is recommended that the parent/guardian do their research, review the TEFRA/Katie Beckett Fact Sheet, talk with other parents and/or contact Parent to Parent of Georgia for more information and guidance.

Benefits of the Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver

- Provides medical insurance, which helps to cover the costs of doctor visits and therapeutic services for children with physical or developmental disabilities.
- Eliminates all co-payments and deductibles obligated by your private/commercial insurance.
- Provides assistance with monthly insurance premiums of the family's current private insurance (*this means the state may pay for your family's entire insurance premium each month*).

Steps to Katie Beckett

Step 1: SSI Determination

To receive assistance via the Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver in Georgia, it must be established that you do not qualify for Social Security disability benefits (SSI). Call (800) 772-1213 to apply for SSI via phone. If you are approved for SSI, you can bypass the Katie Beckett process and enter the state's Medicaid system. If you are not approved for SSI, the denial letter from the IRS will become a part of your application for Katie Beckett.

Step 2: Contact the Centralized Office

Call and request an application packet. This may be a first timer or renewal application.

Centralized Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver Medicaid Team

5815 Live Oak Parkway
Suite D-2
Norcross, GA 30093
678-248-7449 (phone)
678-248-7459 (fax)

Use this contact information for any specific questions you may have about the Katie Beckett process.

OR

Complete the online application by going to www.gateway.ga.gov. A direct link to the site can be found on the TEFRA/Katie Beckett Fact Sheet.

Step 3: Gather Your Child's Medical Records

Make a list of all doctors and providers your child has seen. Contact each professional and request a copy of the medical records. For your child's therapists, this includes daily notes. A fee may be associated with this request.

Step 4: Begin Completing Forms

(DO NOT DATE ANYTHING)

While you wait for the SSI denial letter to be received via mail, begin completing the forms. This will take approximately 4-8 hours for your initial application and approximately 2 hours for renewal applications.

Start with the **Financial, Citizenship, TANF, HIPPA, and Insurance form**. These forms are similar to those used when applying for a credit card. All forms are paired with instructions to complete as directed.

Complete the **Medical forms** with enough information that your primary care physician only has to sign. The information to complete the forms will come from the documents you requested in step 3.

Physician's Recommendation for Pediatric Care: (Box #13) The medical records will contain all ICD (diagnoses) identified for your child. (Box #18) Select *ICF-MR*

Level of Care Statement is one of the key review points of an application that will determine if you qualify for KB. Children must participate in FIVE THERAPIES per week. If your child does not currently participate in 5 therapies, ask your pediatrician to write a prescription recommending five therapies a week (PT, OT, and/or SLP twice a week). This prescription will become a part of your application. On this form select *ICF-MR*. Include the current therapies your child receives and attach all therapy evaluations, daily notes, IEPs/IFSPs.

When completing the **Medicaid application**, do so as if you are the child. Each question corresponds directly to the child and household members' (income, wages, employment, etc.).

The **Cost-Effectiveness form** must state a *good prognosis*. Total monthly costs must be *less than \$2400 a month*. Use the Medicaid rates for therapy. These amounts can be determined

by calling your provider(s) and asking directly. Examples of amounts are PT \$84.12/hr, OT \$79.04/hr, and SLP \$62.50/30 mins.

You must complete the ***Voter Registration Declaration Statement***.

Step 5: Attach/Complete Developmental Evaluation

An evaluation of five domains needs to be completed by a licensed professional (psychologist, early interventionist with BCW, etc.). This evaluation must have been completed and dated within the last 3 years. A psychological evaluation should contain an IQ score and needs to be signed by the licensed professional.

Final Notes

- Remember to ask the physician not to date the documents in step 4. The date on the document determines when the next application is due and you want this date to be as late as possible (i.e. the day you actually mail all documents to the centralized office).
- Pay special attention to the *Level of Care Statement* instructions. This is a critical area which makes or breaks an application. Please also review Georgia Medicaid's Policies and Procedures for Completing Katie Beckett Application (Google search "*Part II Policies and Procedures Manual for Katie Beckett Medicaid Manual*" for the most updated manual).
- Do not leave any pages blank, otherwise your application will be returned due to a technical denial.