

HOW TO APPLY FOR DISABLED CHILD LIVING AT HOME WAIVER

The Disabled Child Living at Home (DCLH) or "Katie Beckett" group is a special eligibility category that allows certain children who are residents of Mississippi with long-term or complex medical needs, living at home with their families, to obtain Mississippi Medicaid eligibility. 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.

PARENT TIPS

1 WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR DCLH?

Children who are not eligible for other Medicaid programs because the income or assets of their parents are too high may be eligible for Medicaid through DCLH. A child must need all of the following eligibility requirements:

1. The child is under 19 years of age and determined to be disabled using Social Security disability rules.
2. Requires a level of care at home that is typically provided in a hospital or nursing facility or intermediate care facility.
3. Can be provided safe and appropriate care at home.
4. As an individual, does not have income or assets in his or her name in excess of the current standards for a child living in an institution.
5. Does not incur a cost at home to the Medicaid Program that exceeds the cost Medicaid would pay if the child were in an institution.

2 KNOW YOUR CHILD'S LEVEL OF CARE

Summary of Institutional Level of Care:

Hospital - This level of care is appropriate for children who require skilled nursing care by a licensed professional 24 hours a day.

Intermediate Care Facilities - This level of care is appropriate for individuals who require continuous active treatment program, direct assistance from a professional for special rehabilitative or developmental intervention.

Nursing Facility - This level of care is appropriate for children who require daily skilled nursing services by a licensed professional.

3 GET DOCUMENTATION ORGANIZED

What information is likely to support my application?

- Documentation of a history/physical exam completed within the last 12 months including the frequency, duration, and cause of inpatient hospitalizations or ER visits.
- Medical records from any treating provider (physician, therapist, etc.) with examples of observed tasks that demonstrate or support the existing level of function.
- 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. Include any specialized parent training related to your child's medical condition.

4 APPLY FOR DCLH

1. Get the application by calling or visiting your local Medicaid Regional Office.
2. Complete the application, the Disabled Child Questionnaire, and the Medicaid Certification for Disabled Children Living at Home.
3. Return all the information to your local Medicaid Regional Office in person or by mail.

5 BE PREPARED FOR WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1. The Medicaid Specialist in your local regional office will decide if your child meets the age and financial rules.
2. The Disabled Child Questionnaire will be sent to the Disability Determination Services office to determine if your child meets the Social Security disability rules.
3. The Medicaid Certification for Disabled Children Living at Home is sent to medical staff to make sure your child meets the "level of care" medical rules. Only a physician may deny the "level of care" medical rule. Additional information may be requested to support the level of care and your child's physician may be contacted.
4. The Medicaid Regional Office will send you a letter to let you know if your child meets all the rules. If a case is denied, it can be appealed through an eligibility process.