



## How do I apply for Katie Beckett?

To apply for Tennessee's Katie Beckett Program, follow the steps below:

Fill out a self-referral application:  
[perlss.tennCare.tn.gov/externalreferral](https://perlss.tennCare.tn.gov/externalreferral)

Filling out the self-referral online is the fastest way to apply for the program. But if you don't have a computer, a Department of Intellectual Developmental Disabilities case manager can help you complete the self-referral. To get help, call the DIDD office in your region:

- West Tennessee: (866) 372-5709
- Middle Tennessee: (800) 654-4839
- East Tennessee: (888) 531-9876

Once you complete the self-referral, a DIDD case manager will contact you to conduct an assessment. Be ready to provide medical documents that clearly identify your child's condition and/or proof of intellectual disability at the time of the assessment. Please note: your child's enrollment could be denied or delayed if you are unable to provide these supporting documents when we meet.

For a video on how to apply, use the QR Code below.



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## Enrollment for Katie Beckett

**There is a limit on how many children can enroll in Part A and Part B.**

The limits are based on the amount of funding approved for the program. Part A has funding to serve up to 300 children. The actual number of children served in Part A will depend on the cost of services each child needs. If the cost of services is lower than expected, we can serve more children. If the cost of services is higher, we will serve fewer children. Part B has funding to serve up to 4,000 children. We sometimes call these limits for each Part "slots."

To enroll your child in Part A or Part B, there must be an open slot in that Part for your child.

## What is Consumer Direction?

Some of the services in Katie Beckett can be provided through Consumer Direction. Consumer Direction is a way of getting some of the kinds of supports the person needs. Consumer Direction gives the person more choice and control over WHO gives their support and HOW their support is given. In Consumer Direction, the person with I/DD actually employs the people who give some of their support services—they work for the person receiving services "instead of a provider agency".

## Katie Beckett Program

**Long-Term Services and Supports**

To learn more, visit the LTSS website:  
[TN.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports](https://TN.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports)





## What is Katie Beckett?

### The Right Care in the Right Place at the Right Time

Tennessee’s Katie Beckett program is for children under the age of 18 with disabilities or complex medical needs. This program is for children who are not Medicaid eligible because of their parent’s income or assets.

This program has three parts, A, B and C, and will provide services and/or help pay for medical care that private insurance does not cover.

**Katie Beckett Part A** is for children who would qualify for care in a medical institution—like a hospital, nursing home or ICF/IID (Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities). But they want care at home instead.

**Medicaid Diversion Part B** is for children who don’t qualify for care in an institution. But they’re “at risk” of going into one unless they can get services.

**Continued Eligibility Part C** is for children who have Medicaid now, but their Medicaid is ending because their parents’ income or resources increased. Part C may allow the child to keep Medicaid if they would qualify to enroll in Part A, but there isn’t a slot open for the child right now.

## What are the Benefit Groups for Katie Beckett?

### Katie Beckett Part A

Children in Part A receive full Medicaid Benefits and also can get up to \$15,000 a year in nonmedical services called home and community-based services. A child must have private insurance, and a premium may be required based on the family’s income.

### Katie Beckett Part B

Families get up to \$10,000 a year in services to care for their child. Families may use their Part B funds in one or more of the following five ways: a card to pay for medical expenses, paying for a child’s private insurance premium, getting paid back for certain services including non-traditional therapies, hiring staff to provide respite and supportive home care, or having a community provider for services.

### Katie Beckett Part C

Children in Part C have Medicaid benefits. Children in Part C are not required to maintain private insurance but may have private insurance (or other third-party payers).



## What services are covered in Katie Beckett?

The services your child can receive in the Katie Beckett Program depend on which part they are enrolled in.

### A few services for Part A and Part B may include:

- Doctor and hospital visits
- In-home nursing services
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Non-emergency transportation (NEMT)
- Community Integration Support Services
- Community Transportation
- Decision making supports
- Family Caregiver Education and Training

Private insurance must pay first. TennCare will help pay for those things private insurance doesn’t cover, including insurance deductibles and copays.

### To see a video on Part A and Part B:

Part A - [TN.gov/didd/katie-beckett-waiver/part-a-services](https://www.tn.gov/didd/katie-beckett-waiver/part-a-services)

Part B- [TN.gov/didd/katie-beckett-waiver/part-b-services](https://www.tn.gov/didd/katie-beckett-waiver/part-b-services)

To see a full list of services, please go to our website or use the QR code to see our Benefit Table.

