

## **Katie Beckett Medicaid Video Transcript**

Hello. My name is Michelle Schumacher. I'm a family navigator here at the Waisman Center. Today, we are talking about Katie Beckett Medicaid. We're going to answer these questions.

**First, what is Katie Beckett Medicaid?**

**Why is Katie Beckett Medicaid helpful?**

**What is important to know about Katie Beckett Medicaid?**

**How do you apply for Katie Beckett Medicaid?**

And finally, **where can you learn more about Katie Beckett Medicaid?**

First, let's answer the question **what is Katie Beckett Medicaid?**

Katie Beckett provides access to Medicaid health insurance for children with disabilities. It is one of the doorways to Medicaid health insurance for children in Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, Medicaid is also called Forward Health, so you may have heard of that term. For some children, Medicaid may be their only source of health insurance. For other children, Medicaid acts as a second insurance after their private insurance. Katie Beckett Medicaid is named after a child who needed Medicaid in order to receive medical care outside of the hospital. When the federal government passed the law for this type of Medicaid, some states, including Wisconsin, named the program after Katie Beckett.

Next, let's talk about **why Katie Beckett Medicaid is helpful.**

If your child has Medicaid through BadgerCare, you might wonder why should they apply for Katie Beckett Medicaid. Katie Beckett is a type of straight Medicaid. That means there's no HMO or network of providers assigned for this type of Medicaid. Many families find it helpful to have more flexibility in which medical providers their child can see. If your child has private health insurance, then Katie Beckett acts as secondary health insurance. It can help cover costs like copays and deductibles for your child's healthcare. Most families find medical care to be more affordable when they have Katie Beckett Medicaid for their child. Some families have a limit on services paid through their health insurance. Outpatient therapy visits are one common example. Your child might need more visits than your private insurance covers. If so, Medicaid might help pay for those extra visits. Also, some insurance companies don't cover certain items your child might need. A communication device might be one example. Medicaid might help pay for those things too.

**What else is important to know about Katie Beckett Medicaid?**

Katie Beckett Medicaid doesn't look at your income or assets for eligibility. Your child must be a US citizen or permanent resident, meaning they have a green card. Your child must also have a diagnosed disability. Diagnosed disability can be something like autism, down syndrome, cerebral palsy, or many other diagnoses. It also might be something like developmental delay. This might be diagnosed by your child's primary care provider if your child has delays in how they learn, play, act, speak or move. Your child must show delays in multiple areas of development to apply. This means they are farther behind their peers in several of those skill areas I just mentioned.

### **How do you apply for Katie Beckett Medicaid?**

To apply for Katie Beckett, you may call the Katie Beckett intake line at the state at 888-786-3246. Some counties will also help you connect with Katie Beckett staff if you apply for children's long term supports or CLTS. We'll talk more about CLTS in the next video. Katie Beckett staff will talk with you about your child to learn more about their strengths and what they need to help with. They will ask for records from birth to three or school depending on your child's age. They will also ask for medical records that list your child's diagnosis. If you don't have these records, they will ask you to sign releases so you can get them. They use information from you and from records to complete a functional screen. The functional screen helps to decide if your child is eligible. The eligibility process for Katie Beckett Medicaid can take several months. Also, when you apply for Katie Beckett Medicaid, be honest. You know your child has many strengths, but Katie Beckett staff need to know about the extra help your child needs, too. Think about what you or others have to do to help them each day. Think about what you would have to tell someone caring for them who doesn't know them as well as you do. This is really helpful information to share with Katie Beckett staff when you apply.

### **Finally, where can you learn more?**

You can learn more about Katie Beckett on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website. Family Voices of Wisconsin also has some family friendly fact sheets with great information. All of these resources are available on the QR code on the screen. Thank you so much for joining us today. We look forward to seeing you next time.