



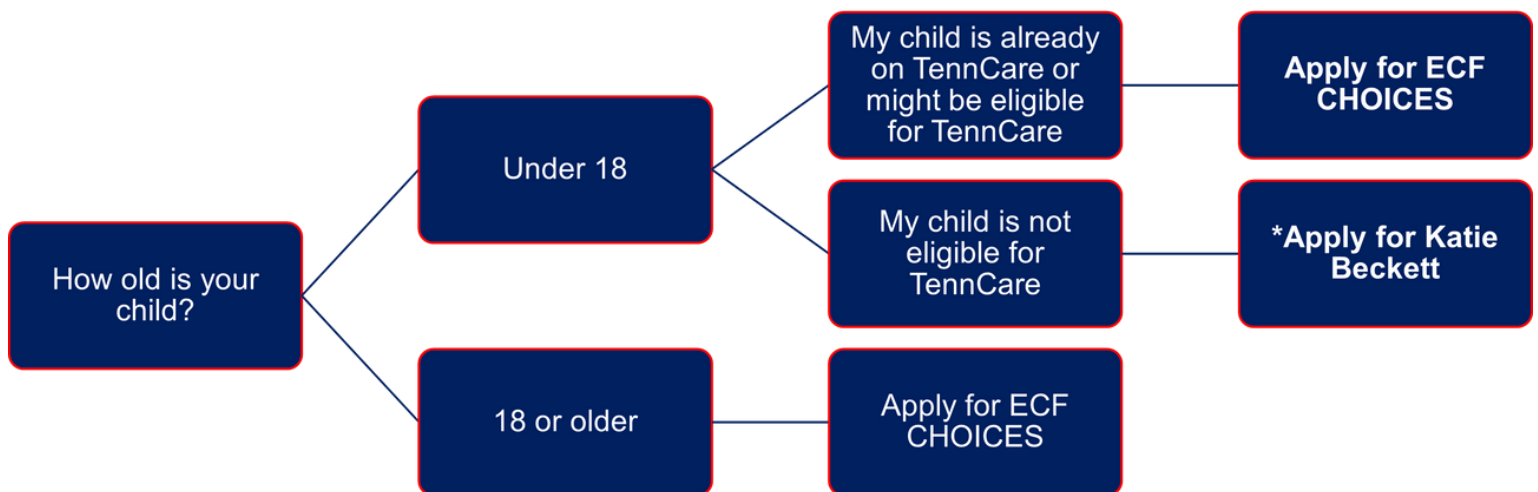
EMPLOYMENT & COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICES vs. KATIE BECKETT

WHAT IS EMPLOYMENT & COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICES?

Tennessee's Medicaid Long Term Services and Support program options for people of all ages who have an intellectual or developmental disability (IIDD), including people with significant disabilities.

WHAT IS KATIE BECKETT?

Tennessee's Long Term Services and Supports program option for children under the age of 18 with disabilities or complex medical needs who are not Medicaid eligible because of their parent's income or assets.



**Note: all children who apply for Katie Beckett will be screened for Medicaid eligibility and, if eligible, will be enrolled in Medicaid and not eligible for Katie Beckett.*

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Individuals Served:	Serves people of all ages who have an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD). This includes people who have significant disabilities. Must be eligible for Medicaid.	Covers children under 18 years of age with significant disabilities or complex medical needs. Children cannot be eligible in any other Medicaid category.
Groups:	<p>Essential Family Supports (Group 4): Services are primarily for families caring for a child under the age of 21 with I/DD. The child must live at home with their family (not a foster family).</p> <p>Possible exception based on assessed needs: if an adult is still living at home with their family, they may qualify for Group 4 services as well.</p> <p>Essential Supports for Employment and Independent Living (Group 5): Services are primarily for adults ages 21 and older with an I/DD but don't qualify for the level of care in a nursing home.</p> <p>Possible exception based on assessed needs: A person ages 18-20 with I/DD may be enrolled in this group if they can't live with their family anymore.</p> <p>Comprehensive Supports for Employment and Community Living (Group 6): Services are primarily for adults ages 21 and older who would qualify to get care in a nursing home but want to receive services in the home.</p> <p>Possible exception based on assessed needs: A person ages 18-20 with I/DD may be enrolled in this group if they can't live with their family anymore.</p> <p>Intensive Behavioral Family Supports (Group 7): This group is for a small number of children under age 21 who live with their family and have I/DD and severe behavior support needs that place the child or others at risk of serious harm. The behaviors are so challenging that the child is at risk of being placed outside the home. This group provides mental health treatment and other services in the home with the family. (The family must be willing to be part of the child's treatment.) The services will train and support the family to support the child so they can keep living safely together. Children are usually in this group short-term. Once the child is stable in the community, they will move to a different benefit group that can safely meet their needs.</p> <p>Comprehensive Behavioral Supports for Employment and Community Living (Group 8): This group is primarily for a small number of adults ages 21 and older who have I/DD and severe behavior support needs and are moving into the community from a place with lots of structure and supervision. This could be coming from a mental health hospital, the foster care system, jail, or a nursing home.</p> <p>Possible exception based on assessed needs: Based on a person's needs, it is possible that a person age 18-20 can get them too. This combines 24/7 residential services with mental health treatment and support. People are usually in this group short-term. Once the person is stable in the community, they will move to a different benefit group that can safely meet their needs.</p>	<p>Part A: Covers children with the most significant disabilities or complex medical needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional level of care – for children who would qualify to receive care in a medical institution—like a hospital, nursing home, or ICF/IID (intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities) but want care at home. <p>Part B: Covers children with disabilities or complex medical needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Risk level of care—for children who don't qualify to receive care in a medical institution but are “at risk” of needing institutional care unless they can get care at home. <p>Part C: Covers children with disabilities or complex medical needs who are already on Medicaid and allows them to keep their coverage even if their parent's income or assets increase—IF they would qualify for Part A but there isn't a Part A slot for them. This group prevents children from losing Medicaid if their parent's income increases</p>

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<p>Eligibility Overview:</p>	<p><u>Meets Medicaid eligibility in the following categories:</u></p> <p><u>Medical:</u> An individual must provide proof of an intellectual or developmental disability. An intellectual disability must start before the age of 18. A developmental disability must start before the age of 22. A Pre-Admission Evaluation (PAE) will be completed as well. The PAE is a medical review of a person’s medical needs and disability. This medical review includes determining if the individual is “at risk” of nursing home placement or if the individual would qualify for the level of care provided in a nursing home. This does not mean that the person would need to be in a nursing home, just that they could receive care in a nursing home but prefer care at home instead. The PAE helps to determine if ECF CHOICES is the best program for the individual and, if so, which group would best serve the individual.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u> An individual cannot have income more than \$2,742 per month if approved with nursing facility level of care (Groups 4, 6, 7, and 8), \$1,823 per month if approved with at risk level of care (Groups 4 and 5), or \$3,038 per month for either nursing facility level of care or at risk level of care if the person is working and has less than \$914 in unearned income. These totals are subject to change each calendar year. The parent’s income counts too for children under age 18, unless the child would qualify to receive care in Group 7. The total value of assets an individual has cannot be more than \$2,000. These assets include bank accounts, saving accounts, bonds, stocks, vehicles, 401K plans, etc. These assets do not include the home where the individual lives or things, like clothes, that the individual owns. An individual cannot have given away or sold anything for less than what it is worth in the last five years.</p>	<p>Katie Beckett serves children whose parents have income and/or assets above the eligibility level for Medicaid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Medical:</u> A Pre-Admission Evaluation (PAE) is completed. This is a medical review of the child’s medical needs or disability. This will determine if a child qualifies for Part A or Part B. • <u>Financial:</u> A full review of the family eligibility for Medicaid is required prior to determination of eligibility for Katie Beckett. This financial review occurs even if a family knows that they will not qualify for Medicaid. Once TennCare determines the child is not eligible in any other TennCare category, a review of the child’s income and assets is completed. The parent’s income is also reviewed if the child qualifies for Part A. <p>For a child to be approved for Katie Beckett, they cannot be eligible for TennCare in any other category.</p>
<p>Benefits Overview:</p>	<p>Full Medicaid benefits in addition to wraparound Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) based on eligibility group.</p> <p><u>Group 4:</u> Employment Supports, Community Transportation, Community Integration Supports, Assistive and Enabling Technology, Minor Home Modifications, Respite, Supportive Home Care, Family Caregiver Stipend, Family Empowerment Supports, and many other services.</p> <p><u>Group 5:</u> Employment Supports, Community Transportation, Community Integration Supports, Personal Assistance, Assistive and Enabling Technology, Minor Home Modifications, Respite, and many other services.</p> <p><u>Group 6:</u> Employment Supports, Community Transportation, Community Integration Supports, Personal Assistance, Assistive and Enabling Technology, Minor Home Modifications, Respite, and many other services.</p> <p><u>Group 7:</u> Employment Supports, Community Transportation, Community Integration Supports, Assistive and Enabling Technology, Minor Home Modifications, Family Empowerment Supports, Intensive Behavioral Family Centered Treatment, Stabilization, and Supports, and many other services.</p> <p><u>Group 8:</u> Employment Supports, Assistive and Enabling Technology, Home Modifications, Intensive Behavioral Community Transition and Stabilization Services, and many other services.</p>	<p><u>Part A:</u> Full Medicaid benefits as well as up to \$15,000 per year to use towards home and community based non-medical services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child must have and keep private insurance. • Cost sharing: Children whose families have Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) above 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will be required to pay a monthly premium. <p><u>Part B:</u> Part B does not include full Medicaid benefits but does include up to \$10,000 per year in home and community-based services for the child, including automated health care and related expenses reimbursement.</p> <p><u>Part C:</u> Continued coverage of full Medicaid benefits. Part C does not include any wraparound HCBS.</p>

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<p>How to Apply:</p>	<p>You can fill out an online self-referral at: https://perlss.tennCare.tn.gov/externalreferral or If you have TennCare you can call your TennCare health plan (MCO). The number is on your TennCare card.</p> <p>If you don't have TennCare you can contact the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD):</p> <p>West Tennessee Regional Office (800) 308-2586</p> <p>Middle Tennessee Regional Office (800) 654-4839</p> <p>East Tennessee Regional Office (888) 531-9876</p> <p>For further information regarding ECF CHOICES, please visit: https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/employment-and-community-first-choices.html or https://www.tn.gov/didd/employment-and-community-first-choices.html</p>	<p>You should create an account with TennCare Connect at: https://tenncareconnect.tn.gov/ to apply for Katie Beckett. At the same time you apply for Katie Beckett, you are also applying for Medicaid, even if you know you won't qualify. or You can contact the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD):</p> <p>West Tennessee Regional Office (800) 308-2586</p> <p>Middle Tennessee Regional Office (800) 654-4839</p> <p>East Tennessee Regional Office (888) 531-9876</p> <p>For further information regarding Katie Beckett and the application process, please visit: https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/katie-beckett-waiver.html or https://www.tn.gov/didd/katie-beckett-waiver.html</p>