

Katie Beckett + GAPP

A parent-friendly overview of Medicaid eligibility, private insurance, and GAPP.

Parent question: Can my child have private insurance and still qualify for Medicaid/GAPP? In many cases, yes. Some medically eligible children with private insurance may qualify for Medicaid through Katie Beckett, which can then make GAPP possible if GAPP medical necessity requirements are met.

What is Katie Beckett?

Katie Beckett, also called TEFRA/Katie Beckett in Georgia, is a Medicaid eligibility pathway for certain children with disabilities or complex medical needs. It can allow a child to qualify for Medicaid even when the parents' income and resources would normally make the child ineligible.

How Katie Beckett relates to GAPP

GAPP is a Medicaid program. If a child does not qualify for traditional Medicaid but may qualify through Katie Beckett, families may need to complete that process first. Once Medicaid eligibility is active, GAPP can review whether the child meets medical necessity requirements for in-home nursing or related support.

Private insurance and Medicaid

Having private insurance does not automatically prevent a child from qualifying through Katie Beckett. Families should expect questions about current insurance coverage because Medicaid may coordinate with other insurance when applicable.

Official links

Georgia Medicaid TEFRA/Katie Beckett information: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs/tefrakatie-beckett>

Georgia Medicaid Katie Beckett applications: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/katie-beckett-applications>

Questions to ask

- Does my child already have active Medicaid?
- If not, could Katie Beckett be an option?
- What medical records or specialist documentation do I need?
- How does private insurance coordinate with Medicaid?
- Once Medicaid is active, what is needed to request GAPP services?

Important note

Atlanta Pediatric Healthcare can help families understand where GAPP fits into the care process, but Medicaid eligibility decisions are made by the appropriate state agency. Families should use official Georgia Medicaid resources for Katie Beckett application instructions.