

Katie Beckett 101

The Katie Beckett program is for children with complex medical needs/disabilities who do not qualify for TennCare due to their parent's income/assets. There is a Katie Beckett program in most states. However, Tennessee is unique because it has two parts (A & B). (See chart below for quick breakdown.)

The application process can feel overwhelming because you are applying for **TennCare**, getting denied, and then **applying for Katie Beckett**. You must be denied for TennCare to be evaluated for Katie Beckett. You cannot have Katie Beckett AND the Family Support grant. You CAN have the Family Support grant while you are on the waiting list for Katie Beckett. More information on Family Support grant here:

<https://www.tn.gov/disability-and-aging/disability-aging-programs/family-support.html>

Part A	Part B
Children with the most severe needs (think skilled nursing services, feeding tubes, Autism with significant behavioral needs, children who qualify for care in a medical institution)	Children with less severe needs (Autism without significant behavioral needs, children who do not qualify for care in a medical institution), and the child requires help throughout the day with daily living activities - more than other children their age.
<p>Does Provide Insurance</p> <p>The family pays a premium (based on household income) to have TennCare as the child's secondary insurance. The child must maintain their primary private insurance.</p> <p>The family also receives a \$15,000 stipend annually to spend on pre-approved services such as medical equipment, medical bills, etc.</p>	<p>Does NOT Provide Insurance</p> <p>The family receives a \$10,000 stipend annually to spend on a pre-approved list of services such as medical equipment, medical bills, nontraditional therapies, and/or respite, etc.</p>
Managed by BlueCare Nurses	Managed by the Department of Disability & Agency
More money, less flexibility	More flexibility, less money
Slots are available	Currently on a waiting list

For more information about the Katie Beckett Program in Tennessee:

<https://www.tn.gov/disability-and-aging/disability-aging-programs/katie-beckett.html>

To find peer support from other families who are in the Katie Beckett Program in Tennessee:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/katiebeckettTN/>