

Your Child May Qualify For The Below Benefits...

- SSI
- Medicaid
- Katie Beckett Waiver
- HIPP-Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
- GA CHIPRA Premium Assistance
- The Georgia Special Needs Scholarship (GSNS) Program

Steps to apply for SSI >>>

- Call Social Security's toll free number 1-800-772-1213
- Tell them you want to apply for disability benefits for your child
- They will take info from you on the phone
- They will send you a package of forms to complete
- They will schedule an interview either by phone or one to your local office
- Complete all forms requested
- Send all materials back to Social Security by the requested date
- If your child is denied benefits, you have the right to appeal. It is in their best interest to follow through with the appeal....you don't need an attorney to do this.
- If you are denied a second time, appeal the decision.....again it is in their best interest to follow through
- If you are denied again appeal the decision. This is your opportunity to go before an Administrative Law Judge with Social Security to make your case. At this time, you may consider an attorney for this appeal.
- Other Info, click on <http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf> for SSI booklet.
- For more information, see www.ssa.gov and www.benefitsnavigator.org
- Below is an introduction to the process of applying for the Deeming Waiver (Katie Beckett Medicaid).
- Brief History
- The Deeming Waiver is a type of Medicaid that helps to cover the costs of medical treatment and therapeutic services for children with physical or developmental disabilities. Before the Deeming Waiver, the government would subsidize care for a disabled child ONLY if the child was placed in a state institution. In 1981, the parents of Katie Beckett fought to get financial assistance while caring for their child at home. Now, the Deeming Waiver is helpful to families who make "too much" to receive financially based Medicaid, but who need expensive services for their special needs children.



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SPECIAL NEEDS

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Limitations of the Deeming Waiver >>>

- If your child is approved for the Deeming Waiver, and your child has commercial insurance in addition, you MUST GO TO A DOCTOR WHO ACCEPTS YOUR PRIMARY INSURANCE. Medicaid will NOT reimburse any provider who is not first paid by your commercial insurer. When scheduling a doctor's appointment or therapy services, always inform the facility of both your PRIMARY insurance and the Medicaid SECONDARY insurance.

Deeming Waiver (Katie Beckett Medicaid) CHECKLIST >>>

- Child's social
- SSI rejection letter
- Child's birth certificate
- Proof of income (check stubs, tax return)
- Completed Social History (see attached instructions following this section)
- Bank account number and safety deposit box numbers, as well as any material assets including cars, house, boats, etc.
- A psychological educational evaluation, recent within the last year, which was completed by a Ph.D. **If your child is 3 years or older, this was probably done through the school system
- If your child is in early intervention, include the current Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- If your child is receiving special education services, include the Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- DMA-6 Medical form completed and signed by your child's pediatrician.
- Care Plan, also signed by the physician

How to apply for the Deeming Waiver >>>

- Because you first must prove that you do not qualify the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Disability - Medicaid program which is based on your family's income. The first step is to apply for SSI through your nearest Social Security Office. You may call them at 1-800-772-1213 to begin the application. If your child receives SSI, and, thus, Medicaid, you are finished at this point, as Medicaid (which provides the same benefits as the Deeming Waiver).
- If your child does not receive SSI and Medicaid through this program, SSI will send you a denial letter. This denial letter becomes a part of your Deeming Waiver Application. Make sure you do not lose it!
- Next, you will gather all of the items listed in the "checklist section" below. Note: Your child's regular Medical Doctor (Primary Care Physician or PCP) must sign the DMA-6 form and the Physician Referral Form. The DMA 6 form can be downloaded from the state website: http://dch.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/22/32/31946819DMA-6A_Form.pdf
- The "care plan" needs to be filled out and can be downloaded from the following website: http://dch.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/42/23/31944895Care_Plan.p
- Katie Beckett Applications: Contact Right from the start Medicaid Project Centralized Katie Beckett Medicaid Team, 59815 Live Oak Parkway, Suite D-2, Norcross, GA 30093. Phone # 678-248-7449; Fax 678-248-7459.



Do you have a child with Special Needs Child?

Take Advantage Of The Benefits Available!

HIPP-Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP)

Working Medicaid members who cannot afford to pay the premiums, coinsurance or deductibles of their employer group health plan may be eligible for HIPP if it is determined to save money for the Medicaid agency.

The Medicaid agency may save money by paying the health insurance premium of the Medicaid family if there is a person(s) in that family with a lot of medical bills. HIPP does not pay coinsurance or deductibles.

If you would like additional information about the HIPP program, please call Health Management Systems HIPP Unit for HIPP Application and HIPP Eligibility requirements at 678-564-1162 ext 2131- or <http://dch.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp>

GA CHIPRA Premium Assistance

A program that helps working families pay for health insurance coverage 678-574-1162 ext. 2781 <http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-Scholarship-Program.aspx>

The Georgia Special Needs Scholarship (GSNS) Program

Is a school choice program available for special needs students attending Georgia public schools that are served under an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Aquanda Cummings Special Needs Scholarship Program Phone: 404-656-4328 Fax: 770-344-4315 Email: acummings@doe.k12.ga.us

Cobb Parent Mentors eboards:

http://www3.eboard.com/eboard/servlet/BoardServlet?ACTION=BOARD_SHOW&SITE_NAME=Destination&BOARD_NAME=cobbparentmentors&SESSION_ID=238ylvgb76nz09823
GLRS Summer Resources Guide <http://www.metroeastohs.org/glrs/DOCS/201>

Marcus Autism Center Workshops

Toilet Training for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities-Contact Ansley Reich: 404-785-9425

Georgia Medicaid Covers Diapers!

Georgia Medicaid is now purchasing diapers, diaper liners, and chux pads (but not wipes) for children ages 4 – 21 with an eligible diagnosis of documented disabilities and a diagnosis of incontinence of bowel and/or bladder. Here's the drill:



1. Call one of the suppliers (listed below).
2. Supplier will set up a profile. You must provide your child's Medicaid number and name/contact info for child's primary care physician (PCP).
3. Supplier will contact PCP for prescription and letter of in your child's records.

4. Supplier will confirm Medicaid status and submit a request to Medicaid for authorization. This might take 30 to 60 days.
5. Once approved the supplier will send samples to parent for a 'best fit' and 'most effective' product.
6. Diapers will be delivered to your home!
7. Parent will order by phone or online every month from the supplier.
8. Authorizations are for 6 months. Supplier will reauthorize.



A few exceptions: If the child is receiving in-home nursing services, the child is not eligible. Parents should contact their Nursing Agency. The Nursing Agency can contact Medicaid to see if they can be reimbursed if they provide incontinent care products to the child. Again, this is the responsibility of the Nursing Agency who is providing services. If the child receives services from CMS, the parent must order the diapers from the supplier. CMS does not order diapers. Suppliers: Uromed 1-800-841-1233 S2 Medical 1-888-799-3767 Advanced Medical Group 1-877-645-5170

Possible Tax write-off:

Children with learning disabilities may meet with numerous professionals each week. The Internal Revenue Service offers a medical mileage deduction, which changes every year. Log your miles to and from psychologist appointments, speech therapy and other learning disability-related activities. As of 2012, the deduction was 23 cents per mile.

Camps!

Summer Social Skills Day Camp...

Camp You B You day camp provides social skills building within an inclusive setting for children from ages 5 to 12 with high-functioning autism and related disorders.

When
June 6 to June 24, 2016

Where
Decatur Family YMCA
1100 Clairemont Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030

Registration
Registration for 2016 summer social skills day camp will open in early 2016.



Respite Care At The Marcus Center

Email Ansley Reich - Ansley.Reich@choa.org to register for respite care or for questions.

Saturday Respite...

Begins in September and is play time for children ages 1 to 12. Staff includes a nurse, trained caregivers, and volunteers. Children can come to different locations, but not in the same month – no double dipping! Check out the schedule and registration procedure on the website <http://www.focus-ga.org/> or email questions to sonca@focus-ga.org

Respite Gwinnett...

Respite Gwinnett offers respite care services the third Saturday of each month at the Hi-Hope Service Center in Lawrenceville, GA. Care is offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register for respite care at Respite Gwinnett or for more details on their program contact Georgia Community Support and Solutions at 404-634-4222.

Suggestions >>>

Sleepaway Camp...

Camp You B You sleepaway camp is a week-long camp for children ages 7 to 14 years old with moderate to high functioning autism spectrum disorder.

When
June 26 to July 1, 2016

Where
Camp Twin Lakes, Dream
Warm Springs, Ga.

Registration
Registration for 2016 sleepaway camp will open in early 2016.

Questions?
For 2016 sleepaway camp questions, contact Annie Garrett (770-867-6123, ext. 225).



Ask the experts >>>

Fun Stuff:

Sensory movies (A sensory friendly movie is a movie which is shown without previews, the sound is not as loud as a regular movie and the lights are not as dim. You can also talk, shout, scream and run around the movie theater during these movies.)

Participating movie theatres:
NCG Cinemas <https://www.ncgmovies.com>

AMC theatres <https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

Regal entertainment Group <http://www.regmovies.com/mywaymatinee>



Family Camp Weekends...

The Marcus Autism Center offer two family camp options, which are weekend camps for families of children, ages 4 to 15 years old with moderate to high functioning autism spectrum disorder.

