



THE KATIE BECKETT PROGRAM: A WALK THROUGH OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Helping Families Access MaineCare for Children with Disabilities

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PURPOSE OF TODAY'S SESSION

Identify the Agencies Involved in the Katie Beckett Process

Outline steps to Apply for Katie Beckett

Help families navigate the Application & Renewal Process

Highlight Resources & Tips for Application Processing

WHO'S WHO



DHHS: Oversees
MaineCare programs

OFl: Determines financial
eligibility & handles annual
renewals

MRT: Medical Review Team:
Reviews medical documents
for disability

Acentra: Conducts in-
person/Zoom assessments
for level of care.

OMS: Pays providers, tracks
costs, works with Acentra

WHAT IS MAINECARE AND KATIE BECKETT?

MaineCare: State Medicaid Program

Katie Beckett: Home-based care for children with long term disabilities.

Eligibility Requirements:

Under 19 years of age

Disability \geq 12 months

Needs institutional-level care

Lives at home

Income $<$ 300% SSI.



BENEFITS OF KATIE BECKETT



Doctor Visits
Behavioral Health
Hospital

VitalCare for Kids
(EPSDT): Additional
preventive & specialty
services



Prescriptions
Vaccines

Dental
Vision



STEP 1 — MAINECARE APPLICATION

Getting Started

Making a selection is optional. If you would like this application screened for only a specific type of coverage please indicate which program you would like to apply for below. If this section is left blank we will review eligibility for all MaineCare programs.

- MaineCare** **Katie Beckett** **Limited Family Planning Services**
 Special Benefit Waiver **Medicare Savings Program** **Maine Rx/DEL**

Other questions about your household


Does any applicant have a special health care need, physical disability or mental health condition that limits their ability to work, attend school, or take care of their daily needs (like bathing, dressing, daily chores, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, who?

< Application Summary

Household Information


Section 1 of 5

Health 

Please answer as many questions as you are able. If you attempt to continue to the next section without completing a required field, you will be prompted to return to the required question and fill in the missing information.

Complete the questions below about health.
[Learn More](#)

Note: Not all household members may be listed for each item. This is because it either does not apply to them or we do not need more information about them.

Is any applicant blind or disabled? 

Apply Online:
[MyMaineConnection.gov](https://mymaineconnection.gov)

Apply by Paper Application: Send
by Mail, Email, or Fax.

Submit Required Documents: Income,
Insurance, Assets.

Be sure to indicate disability and
check the Katie Beckett box.

Contact OFI with any questions at:
1-855-797-4357.

STEP 2 – DISABILITY DETERMINATION PACKET

Purpose: Confirm child meets disability criteria.



Complete Packet Sections:

Child's disability & health history
Education & work history
Activities of Daily Living evaluation
Note "Katie Beckett application" under Additional Information



Complete Medical Release Forms:

Last 3 pages of the packet
One form per provider
Child's name, DOB, initials required



Optional Items to Submit:

Attach supporting documentation
Letters from providers
Existing medical records



Submit the MRT Packet:

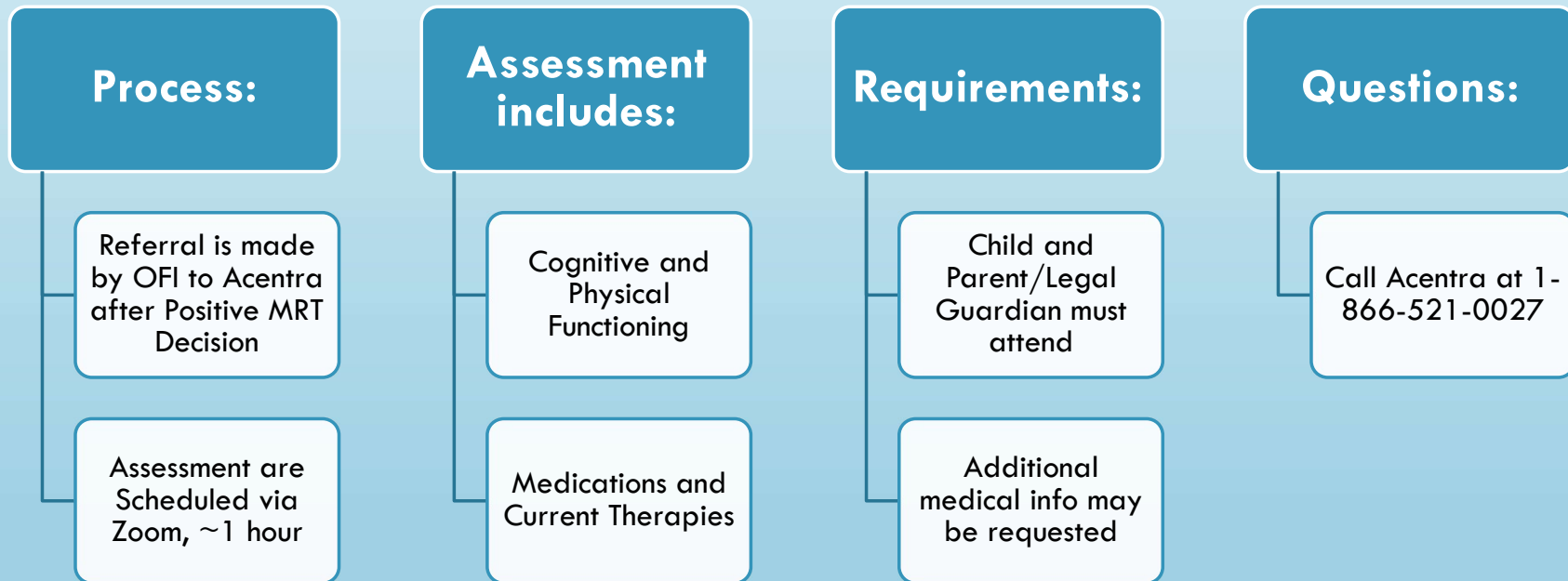
Mail :
Farmington District Office
114 Corn Shop Lane,
Farmington, ME 04938
Email :
Farmington.DHHS@maine.gov

TIPS

- You can speed up the Katie Beckett application process by submitting the MaineCare application and the Disability Determination packet at the same time.
- You should contact Providers to inform them MRT will be requesting records for your child to help ensure timely submission.

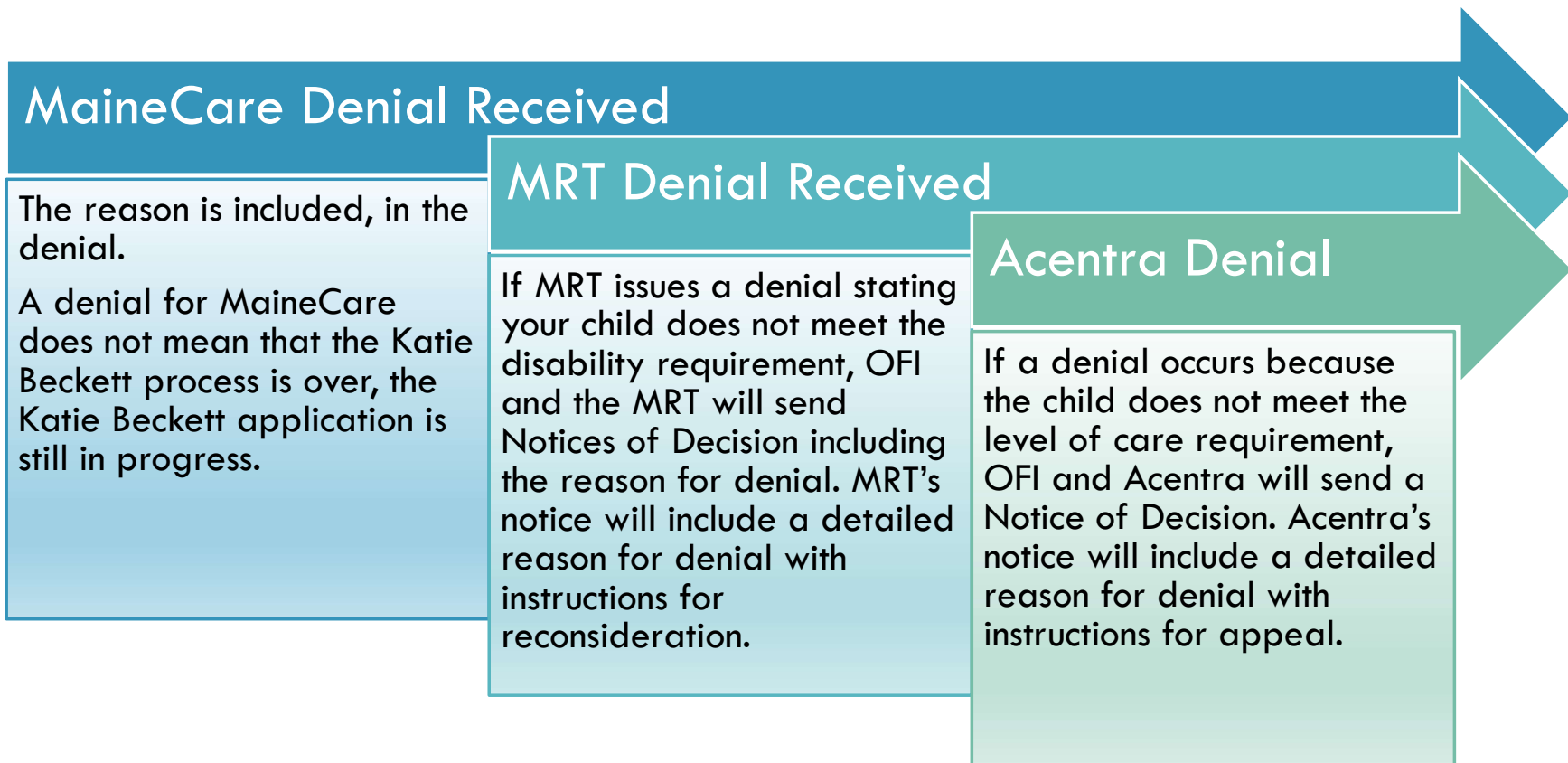
STEP 3 – LEVEL OF CARE ASSESSMENT

Purpose: Determines if child meets Katie Beckett level of care requirement.



STEP 4 – NOTICE OF DECISION

If full Maine Care is Approved: The notice includes MaineCare card & Premium info.



For questions on notices from OFI or MRT, call 1-855-797-4357 and select the Long Term Care menu option. For questions about notices from Acentra, you would address your questions to them at 1-866-521-0027.

STEP 5 – PREMIUMS



Calculation:

Premiums are monthly insurance payments based on household income and family size

Reduced if child has other insurance, except if paid by PHIP. (Private Health Insurance Premium Program)

Billed every three months, may include retroactive coverage



Payments:

Can pay in full anytime during the three-month period

Must be paid by the 15th of the last month in the period

Late payments may result in lapse of coverage

More payment instructions included in the Notice of Decision

STEP 6 – ANNUAL REDETERMINATION



OFl:

- Financial eligibility reviewed annually by OFI.



MRT:

- Medical reassessment for disability may occur annually or as determined by MRT.



Acentra:

- Acentra reassess for level of care annually. Acentra will provide documentation instructions.

HELPFUL TIPS

OFI processes applications
within 45 days

Stay in contact with OFI &
Providers

Discuss correct medical
terminology with providers

Request reassessment if
denied

Pay premiums on time



HELPFUL
TIPS



Q & A

Thank you!

RESOURCES / CONTACT INFO

Office for Family Independence (OFI):

- Phone: 1-855-797-4357, select Long Term Care
- Email: LTC.DHHS@maine.gov

Medical Reviews and Assessments:

- MRT: 1-855-797-4357, select Long Term Care
- Acentra at 1-866-521-0027.
- EPSDT / VitalCare for Kids: DHHS.EPSDT@maine.gov

Coverage and Payments

- OMS, MaineCare Member Services: 1-800-977-6740
- Houlton Payment Center:
<https://me.accessgov.com/of/Forms/Page/of/dhhspayment>

How to Apply for MaineCare

- **Option 1:** Apply to MaineCare online at
 - [MyMaineConnection.gov](https://mymaineconnection.gov)
- **Option 2:** [Download](#) a paper application and mail it to:
 - Office for Family Independence
114 Corn Shop Lane
Farmington, ME 04938
 - or E-mail it to Farmington.DHHS@Maine.gov
 - or Fax it to 207-778-8429.
- **Option 3:** Visit one of our [district offices](#) and apply in person.