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## Qualifying for MaineCare Coverage through the Katie Beckett Program

According to federal rules for the program, **your child** must:

- Be under age 19
- Be living at home
- Meet criteria for physical or mental disability, according to Social Security Disability guidelines and the disability is expected to continue for at least 12 months
- Get services at home that costs less than the cost of care in the facility where your child would otherwise be served (see the chart below)
- Meet financial eligibility criteria as required by the MaineCare Eligibility Manual

## Understanding the Katie Beckett Yearly Benefit Limit

The Katie Beckett Program will pay up to an annual amount listed below for your child's care in the home. The amounts the benefit limits are based on the cost per year for care in a facility

Facility	Annual cost of facility from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	Monthly benefit limit for the letter from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
Nursing Facility	\$89,696	\$8,471
Hospital	\$101,652	\$9,320
Psychiatric Hospital Unit for Children and Adolescents	\$107,436	\$8,953
Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with a diagnosis of intellectual disability (ICF-IID)	\$149,113	\$12,426
Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with a diagnosis of intellectual disability (ICF-IID) who also meet requirements for a Nursing Facility	\$230,199	\$19,183

If costs for your child's services are more than the monthly benefit limit for the letter, you will receive a letter asking you to contact MaineCare to discuss your child's healthcare needs. Changes to services or other options may be suggested to help meet your child's needs and to keep him or her below the annual benefit limit.

If your child's care cannot be safely provided under the annual amount above, your child may no longer be eligible for the Katie Beckett program. If this happens, your child may qualify for a different MaineCare benefit. You may request a meeting with MaineCare Services to resolve any concerns or if you disagree with MaineCare's decision about coverage or services.

**To ensure that your child continues to receive Katie Beckett benefits, please do one of the following:**

Call MaineCare's Pharmacy Helpdesk at 1-866-796-2463. Tell them that you are calling because you received a letter about your child's Katie Beckett benefits.

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