



Medicaid Options in Rhode Island

for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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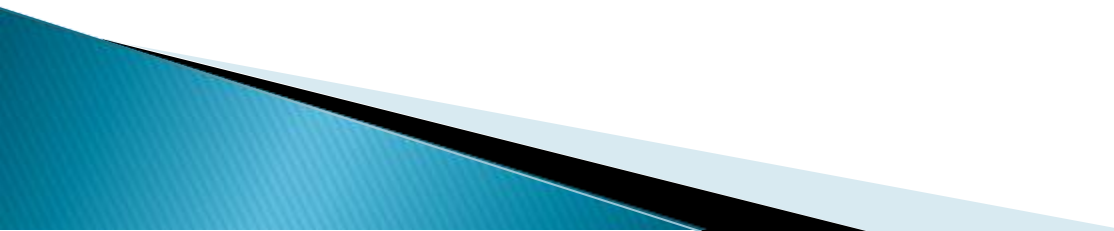
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What is Medicaid?

- Provides Health Care coverage, including services and supports, to low income individuals, families, elderly and disabled populations
 - Shared federal and state funding
 - Program administered by the State of RI
 - **NOT** Medicare
 - Always the payer of last resort
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Doors of Eligibility

- Eligibility criteria is different for each program
- Programs rely on income &/or asset levels for determining eligibility.
- Some of the programs require a level of care criteria as well.
- **All doors lead to the Medicaid program!**



Populations Eligible for Medicaid



- ▶ Individuals, Families, Children, and Pregnant Women
- ▶ Elderly, blind or disabled
- ▶ Children in Substitute Care (out of home placement)
- ▶ Children with special health care needs (CSHCN) eligible through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Katie Beckett
- ▶ Children covered by subsidized adoption agreements

One-size does NOT fit all...

- Different programs fit different needs of the individuals applying
- The majority of Medicaid recipients are enrolled in “managed” care plans today.
- Some people are still receiving what is called Medicaid “fee for service”



5 Doors To Medicaid Services



- ▶ Rite Care/Rite Share



- ▶ Katie Beckett



- ▶ Social Security Supplemental Income



- ▶ State Foster Care/DCYF



- ▶ Adoption Subsidy/DCYF



Rite Care

- RI's health insurance program for families with children, pregnant women, children under age 19.
- Enrollees receive most of their medical care through participating health plans
- "Out of Plan" benefits are coordinated by the health plan but paid for as "fee for service" through the RI Medicaid program





Rite Care Health Plans



- ▶ Neighborhood Health Plan of RI
 - (401)459-6000
 - (800)963-1001

- ▶ Tufts Health RITogether
 - (866)738-4116

- ▶ United HealthCare Community Plan
 - (401) 737-6900
 - (800) 447-1245



Rite Share

- Rite Share is Rhode Island's Premium Assistance Program that helps RI families afford health insurance through their employer by paying for some or all of the employee's cost.
- The monthly premium depends on your annual income and household size.
- The health plan and benefits are those offered by the employer and Medicaid is your secondary insurance.

Rite Share direct line is 401-462-0311



Rlte Care/Rlte Share Benefits

Services In-Plan

- ▶ Physician, hospital, behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse), laboratory, x-ray, pharmacy, PASS, Respite, HBTS – including ABA, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy and durable medical equipment (DME) - including assistive technology (Health Plan ID card)

Services Out-of-Plan

- ▶ Dental Services, services identified through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Certified Lead Center services (Medicaid card - white card with blue anchor)





Katie Beckett

- Katie Beckett is an eligibility category in the RI Medicaid Program.
- Parents' income and resources do not count when determining eligibility for the child.





Eligibility for Katie Beckett (KB) in Rhode Island

- Be under age 19
- Be a Rhode Island resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Live at home
- Meet the income and resource requirements
- Meet the Social Security Administration's definition of disability
- Require an institutional level of care





Definitions for Katie Beckett

What is meant by the Social Security Administration's disability requirement?

- ▶ The Social Security Act requires that a child must have a physical or mental condition, or a combination of conditions, that results in "*marked or severe functional limitations*." This means that the condition(s) must very seriously limit the child's activities. Additionally, the child's condition(s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least 12 months or must be expected to result in death.

How does EOHHS determine disability?

- ▶ A team of licensed professionals at OHHS reviews the clinical information provided and makes a disability determination using the Social Security Administration's criteria (above), as well as Level of Care Guidelines (http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/kbeckett_guidelines.pdf).



Katie Beckett Application

- ▶ Parents should call the Katie Beckett Unit to have them mail an application.
- ▶ Documents needed for the application:
 - an application for RI Medicaid,
 - Medical Evaluation form (to be completed by the child's physician),
 - Parent Questionnaire, (aka "A Day in the Life")
 - Provide proof of child's income and resources,
 - Provide information about other health and dental insurance.





Katie Beckett Application

- The Katie Beckett Unit has 90 days to approve your child's application.
- You will receive a call/letter when you are either approved or denied.
- Your child will be recertified every year for the financial information and as necessary for clinical recertification.





Katie Beckett Appeal



- If your child is denied when it's a new application you can appeal within **10** days of the date on the denial letter.
- If a child is already active on Medicaid, in order to keep their Medicaid active you must appeal within **10** days and the child's Medicaid will continue during the appeals period
- If your application is denied after applying for Katie Beckett and you feel that you need more support understanding the process, *call the RIPIN Parent Consultant at 462-0633.*



Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- A child younger than age 18 can qualify if he or she meets Social Security's definition of disability for children, and if his or her income including all other family members income and resources fall within the eligibility limits.
- SSI makes monthly payments to people with low income and limited resources who are 65 or older, or blind or disabled.
- The amount of the SSI payment is different from one state to another because some states make an additional state SSI payment.



Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- To receive SSI payments, a child must meet two sets of eligibility criteria:
 1. Financial criteria based on the income & resources of the child & family
 2. Medical criteria about the child's impairment or combination of impairments.

- The local SSA office decides if a child's/family's income and resources are within the SSI limits. In making that decision, the Social Security office must consider the income and resources of parents/guardians who are living in the same household with the child.

For more info: www.ssa.gov



DCYF/Foster Care

- Children in DCYF/Foster Care may be eligible for Medicaid if they are without insurance through their family.
- Children w/Special Needs can be eligible for Medicaid via SSI.
 - The state would receive the cash benefit for the child in state care.
- Children are enrolled in Rite Care and would have a managed care plan.





Adoption Subsidy



- The adoption subsidy program provides financial & medical assistance to make adoption possible for children with special needs awaiting adoption in the custody of DCYF or in certain situations a non-profit, private licensed child-placing agency.
- The provision of adoption subsidy, children w/ special needs can be provided with permanent adoptive families & enjoy the benefits of family security, love & nurturing.

Which Door to Knock On?



- **Rite Care/Rite Share-** Income eligibility for families, pregnant women, or children;



- **Katie Beckett-** Income of child only, SSI definition of disability, level of care criteria and financial eligibility;



- **SSI-** Income and resources of family and SSI definition of a child disability;



- **Foster Care-** child in state custody & without parental health insurance;



- **Adoption Subsidy-** child in state custody with special needs & ready for adoption or adopted.

Medical Assistance Card

Also known as *“The Anchor Card”*

RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
MEDICAID IDENTIFICATION CARD

RECIPIENT NAME

MID

CARD ISSUE DATE

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

If found please drop in any U.S. Mail Box Return Postage Guaranteed
State of Rhode Island
P.O. Box 8709
Cranston, RI 02920-8787

Everyone enrolled in Medicaid receives one of these cards.

Services available to all Families with Medicaid:

- Medical services
 - Dental/Vision Services
 - Behavioral Health Services
- Pharmacy
- Parking fees may be waived at Hasbro
- Transportation to medical appointments
 - Through MTM
- WIC



Rite Smiles Dental



Member Resources

View information about the Rite Smiles plan.

[Find a Dentist](#) ▶

[Provider Directory](#) ▶

Member Handbook

[English](#) ▶

[Portuguese](#) ▶

[Spanish](#) ▶

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) ▶

[More Member Resources](#) ▶

Other Resources

Learn more about resources available to your child(ren).

- Agency information
- Programs and Partnerships
- State resources

[Learn more about other resources](#) ▶

Dental Wellness

Learn more about caring for your child's teeth:

- How to take care of your baby's teeth and gums
- How to keep your child's teeth healthy
- Preparing kids for their first dental checkup

[More on Dental Wellness](#) ▶

Questions?

Contact Member Services: 1-866-375-3257 (TTY 711)
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m EST, Monday - Friday

Services available to Families with Children with Special Health Care Needs

- ▶ Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
 - EPSDT includes such services as CNA, private duty nursing, Cedar Family Centers Services, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Home Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS), Personal Assistance Services and Supports (PASS), Respite (LOC requirement), Kids Connect
- ▶ Durable Medical Equipment
 - diapers/feeding supplies
- ▶ Disability pass for state parks & beaches (SSI & KB)
- ▶ RIPTA Disability Pass (reduced rate)



Cedar

Family Center Services

Services available up to 21 years of age

- ▶ Basic Services and Supports
- ▶ Initial Family Assessment
- ▶ Family Care Plan Development
- ▶ Family Care Coordination Assistance



Cedar Family Centers

RIPIN Cedar Family Center

300 Jefferson Boulevard
Suite 300
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 270-0101 x365

Three Cedar

335 R Prairie Avenue, Suite 1A
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 444-5251



All Doors take you to Medicaid!



- ▶ If a family or individual has one of these types of coverage they have Medicaid.
- ▶ They can only be eligible in one way and cannot be enrolled in more than one state at a time.
- ▶ They can transfer from program to program if they meet requirements of new program.

The RIPIN Call Center is Here to Help!

401-270-0101

callcenter@ripin.org



How We Can Help

No matter what type of coverage you have, RIPIN can help you get what you need from your health insurance.

Our peer professional experts are here to answer your questions, help you enroll in coverage, help you navigate and use your coverage to get the care you need.

How Do I get more information?

- ▶ Executive Office of Health & Human Services www.eohhs.ri.gov
- ▶ Department Human Services www.dhs.ri.gov
 - Call Center 1-855-MYRIDHS(6974347)
- ▶ HealthSource RI www.healthsourceri.com
 - 1-855-840-4774
- ▶ Social Security www.ssa.gov
 - 800-772-1213
- ▶ RIPIN www.ripin.org
 - 401-270-0101

References & Resources

The information presented today was gathered from the following resources:

- ▶ Center for Medicaid Services
 - www.cms.gov
- ▶ Social Security
 - www.ssa.gov
- ▶ RI Executive Offices of Human Services
 - www.eohhs.ri.gov
- ▶ RI Department of Children, Youth & Families
 - www.dcyf.ri.gov
- ▶ Secretary of State Rules & Regulation Finder
 - www.sos.ri.gov
- ▶ RI Department of Environmental Management
 - www.dem.ri.gov
- ▶ Economic Progress Institute of RI
 - www.economicprogressri.org
- ▶ Family Voices
 - www.familyvoices.org

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