

# Model Waiver for Disabled Children

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Further information about the Model Waiver program is available at [www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/waiverprograms](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/waiverprograms) under “Model Waiver Fact Sheet.”

To apply for the Model Waiver program, call the Coordinating Center for Home and Community Care at 410-987-1048 or 301-621-7830 and ask for the Model Waiver Intake Coordinator.

For more information on topics discussed in this fact sheet, contact  
The Arc of Frederick County.  
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The **Model Waiver for Disabled Children**, also known as the “Katie Beckett” Waiver, is a Maryland Medicaid waiver program that provides in-home services to children who are considered “medically fragile” and who would not otherwise qualify for Medicaid services.

**Benefits:** Model Waiver services include Medicaid healthcare coverage, nursing services, case management, medical supplies and equipment, and home health aide services.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Children must be under age 22 at the time of enrollment and ineligible for any other Maryland Medicaid program. Eligible children must have complex medical needs (chronic illness or severe disability) that would require hospitalization or care in another type of similar facility without in home services. The cost of community care must be less than that of institutional care. Financial requirements include:

- The family’s financial income and resources are not considered.
- Countable resources **of child** must be less than \$2,000.
- Countable income **of child** must be less than 3 times limit of SSI (Supplemental Security Income), which in 2009 is \$2,022/month.
- An eligible child may have private health insurance and still receive coverage through the Model Waiver Program.

There is a limit to the number of children in Maryland who can receive coverage under the Model Waiver program, but there are generally openings for new enrollees in the Model Waiver.