

**#124 URGENT - Katie Beckett- Deeming Waiver Process Change and Donuts with Santa!**

Dearest Advocates:

I have been receiving numerous questions regarding changes to the Katie Beckett/Deeming Waiver renewal process. I was able to speak to DHR about the changes to the process and what to look forward to in 2012 and wanted to make sure everyone was up to speed!

There have been some changes to the general Medicaid Form 222 (yellow form that you receive every year that is computer generated that ALL Medicaid recipients receive). This form is now on-line at [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov) for families to fill out. Just as before, you have to remember that this form should be prepared for the **child ONLY**. No information should be given about parent's income, assets, etc. Therefore, Head of Household is the child, Other Healthcare Insurance = owner = child. No information should be given about the parents and should only be about the child that is receiving Medicaid. You will also be receiving the typical Katie Beckett/Deeming Waiver package from your local DFCS office around the same time (if you don't- call them and remind them). **Just filling out the form on line DOES NOT make you eligible for the waiver.** YOU must fill out all the additional paperwork!

In addition, DCH and DHR and DFCS are currently working on centralizing the Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver application and renewal process (under the long term care unit like the nursing home unit is right now). They are hoping to start the roll-out process in January 2012 with new applications and then following with renewals later in the year. This is a HUGE step to the right direction. We have been advocating for years to centralize this function due to the lack of understanding at the local level with the Katie Beckett Waivers. Next we need to change the renewal application process to every 3 yrs not every year. That would save a lot of time, energy and money!

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please pass along as necessary!

In addition, the holidays are fast approaching and below is a fantastic opportunity for children to meet Santa in a low stimulating environment.

Thanks to everyone that have been supporting our family during the last two years battling Jacob's cancer. It's a road I pray none of you ever have to take. Jacob is now two years into treatment with another 1.5 years left! Unfortunately, Jacob has had many side effects from the chemotherapy treatment (more than most) but we look forward to the day we can say.....Cancer Free! Happy Thanksgiving.

***United- We Will Make a Difference!***

Heidi J. Moore

(Proud Mother to Jacob – 11 yrs old with Down syndrome and Leukemia and Jared- 10 years old with amazing spirit & love for his brother)

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**Doughnuts with Santa:**

Our Special Needs support group is offering a new event this year - Doughnuts with Santa. We came up with the idea because so many of our kids can't go to see Santa at the mall. So, we decided to bring Santa to a small, low stimulation environment so our kids could enjoy meeting the Big Guy too, without the parents or the kids getting all stressed out. On **Dec. 3**, Santa will be at Fellowship Bible Church, in room 201 from 10:30 - 12:00. All children with special needs, and their siblings, are invited. The parents can take as many pictures as they like (free of charge of course). There will also be crafts, and of course, doughnuts.

Please RSVP to [amy\\_richards@bellsouth.net](mailto:amy_richards@bellsouth.net) by Nov. 30 to let us know how many children will be attending. The Church is located at 480 West Crossville Rd, Roswell (near Roswell High School).

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If you would like to receive Jacob Moore's updates or post prayers, please go to:  
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/prayforjacobmoore> or [www.teamjacob.org](http://www.teamjacob.org) . To watch Jacob's Cancer Journey video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g)

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***"Help The Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"***

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