

House Bill 279

By: Representatives Collins of the 27th, Cooper of the 41st, Burkhalter of the 50th, Lunsford of the 110th, Ralston of the 7th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require certain procedures for
3 determinations relating to eligibility for medical assistance through the Katie Beckett waiver
4 program for children with Spina Bifida who have Myelomeningocele; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 medical assistance generally, is amended by inserting a new Code section to read as follows:
10 "49-4-153.1.

11 A minor child with Spina Bifida who has Myelomeningocele and is otherwise eligible for
12 medical assistance under the state plan provided pursuant to this article through the waiver
13 programs created under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, commonly
14 referred to as Katie Beckett waivers, shall qualify for such waiver if the child has at least
15 three of the following as defined by the department:

- 16 (1) Shunted hydrocephalus;
- 17 (2) Neurogenic bladder/bowel;
- 18 (3) Requirements for integument system monitoring;
- 19 (4) Physical mobility impairment;
- 20 (5) Mental issues or learning disabilities; or
- 21 (6) Rehabilitation needs or therapeutic activities or exercises.

22 Once the above eligibility for this waiver is documented, the department shall not be
23 authorized to require further physician certification or documentation for purposes of
24 eligibility under this waiver program."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.