



## FREE HEALTH INSURANCE

AVAILABLE

**FOR FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH, AGES 18-26**

- The Missouri Health Improvement Act of 2007 and the Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program of 2013 (RSMo 208.151) extended medical coverage to former foster care youth.
- Mo HealthNet coverage is available to eligible youth age 18-26. If you are a former foster care youth and were in the custody of the Children's Division 30 days prior to your 18th birthday and you are not yet 26, you are automatically enrolled in Mo HealthNet. This means that you have medical and behavioral health care coverage through Mo HealthNet.
- Former foster care youth should contact their local Children's Division office to provide their current address information to request a Mo HealthNet card.
- Former foster care youth should maintain contact with their local Children's Division office to ensure that the most current address Chafee Aftercare systems to prevent disruption of services.
- If you are not yet 21, you may also elect to receive Chafee Aftercare services.
- If you reside in a Managed Care Region, you will have coverage through Mo Healthnet and a Managed Care Plan in your area. Please check with your provider of choice to verify coverage.
- If you leave Missouri, and you are a full-time student in another state, or you are on a visit to another state, MO HealthNet services may still be available. Your out-of-state provider must be willing to participate in the MO HealthNet program. However, you may only receive Medicaid coverage in one state so if you apply and receive assistance in your new state of residence, you can no longer use MO HealthNet, If you return to Missouri, you must notify the other state to close coverage in that state and use MO HealthNet.
- If you already have health insurance or obtain health insurance from another source such as employment, you must use this health insurance before using MO HealthNet. You must indicate to the provider of medical/behavioral services that you are also eligible for Mo HealthNet/Managed Care.

**Please take advantage of this opportunity to maintain your positive health care status now and into your future.**

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