



# FREE HEALTH INSURANCE

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## FOR FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH, AGES 18-21

- Missouri Medicaid is now MO HealthNet. The Missouri Health Improvement Act of 2007 (RSMo 208.151) changed the title of Medicaid to MO HealthNet and has extended medical coverage to former foster care youth.
- MO HealthNet coverage is now automatically available to eligible youth age 18-21. If you are a former foster care youth and were in the custody of the Children's Division on your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and you are not yet 21, 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 is in MO HealthNet and Chafee Aftercare systems to prevent disruption of services.
- This MO HealthNet coverage is available by itself or in addition to Chafee Aftercare services.
- This is an opportunity for guaranteed MO HealthNet coverage for your medical and behavioral health care needs.
- You can obtain services by enrolling into a MO HealthNet 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.
- 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.

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

