



# FREE HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABLE

TO 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.
- If you are a former foster care youth and were in the custody of the Children's Division 30 days prior to your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and you are not yet 26 years old, you are automatically enrolled in MO HealthNet.
  - This means that you have guaranteed medical and behavioral health care coverage through MO HealthNet or Managed Care.
- 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 their most current address is updated.
- If you live in Missouri, you reside in a Managed Care Region and have coverage through MO HealthNet and a Managed Care Plan in your area. You will have two insurance cards, one for each plan.
- MO HealthNet only works in Missouri.
  - 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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# Information regarding FREE Health Care for Former Foster Care Youth

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Youth in foster care, under the responsibility of the State of Missouri, on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or any time during the 30 days preceding their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday without regard to income or assets
- Under the age of 26
- Not eligible for coverage under another mandatory coverage group (e.g. Medicaid for Pregnant Women or SSI)
- Were covered by Medicaid while they were in foster care

## SERVICES COVERED

### Managed Care Covers:

- Medical care - routine and emergency
- Dental care - routine cleaning
- Vision care - routine exams



### MO HealthNet Covers:

- Behavioral health - individual counseling
- Prescription coverage with no co-pay



## HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR PLAN

- If you currently have a doctor/dentist/eye doctor, clinic, or hospital you like to use, you can call the doctor or clinic/hospital to ask which of the 3 plans they take:
  - United Healthcare
  - Home State Health
  - Missouri Care
- Review the websites for each plan to see if your preferred medical provider is on the list of providers for each plan and to receive information on additional services each plan provides.
  - [www.missouricare.com](http://www.missouricare.com)
  - [www.homestatehealth.com](http://www.homestatehealth.com)
  - [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)
- Call 1-800-348-6627 to speak to the MO HealthNet Managed Care Enrollment Broker Helpline for further questions about choosing a plan.

## FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION (FSD) HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

- If you apply for Medicaid for Pregnant Women, SSI, or another health insurance through FSD and it is approved, your Former Foster Care Youth insurance will be closed at the request of FSD.
- If your application for Medicaid is rejected by FSD, it may be that you have Healthcare for Former Foster Care Youth.

**YOUTH NOTE:** Please continue to notify the Children's Division with any address changes until your 26<sup>th</sup> birthday to ensure there is no confusion on where to send health care coverage information.