



FREE HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABLE

TO FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH, AGES 18-26

- The Affordable Care Act, effective January 1, 2014, extended medical coverage to former foster care youth until age 26.
- Foster care youth who were in the custody of the Children's Division 30 days prior to their 18th birthday are automatically enrolled in the Health Care for Former Foster Care Youth program until age 26 upon exit from care.
 - This means that you have guaranteed medical and behavioral health care coverage through MO HealthNet or Managed Care.
- Former foster care youth should report address changes to any Children's Division office so you receive new Medicaid cards and important notices about your coverage. You also can report address changes using the email noted at the bottom of this page.
- If you are enrolled in a managed care plan, the plan will cover your medical expenses, while the MO HealthNet plan covers pharmacy and behavioral health services. You will have two different cards. The managed care plan also provides you a care manager who can help you navigate the health care system, locate health care providers, and answer questions about your health care. If you are not enrolled in a managed care plan, all services are covered by MO HealthNet; MO HealthNet does not provide care manager services.
- 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. You should check with the child welfare agency in your new state to see if you qualify for former foster care coverage to age 26. Many states already provide this coverage for former foster youth no matter which state they exited care. All states must provide this by 1/1/23.
- If you already have health insurance or obtain health insurance from another source such as employment, this health insurance must be used before using MO HealthNet/Managed Care. You must tell the provider or pharmacy that you are also eligible for MO HealthNet/Managed Care and provide both insurance cards.

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

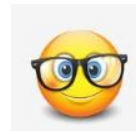
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Youth in foster care, under the responsibility of the State of Missouri, on their 18th birthday or any time during the 30 days preceding their 18th 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
 - www.homestatehealth.com
 - 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 26th birthday to ensure there is no confusion on where to send health care coverage information.