

**Public Forum for
Former Foster Care Youth
Section 1115 Demonstration**

December 30, 2021

The State of Missouri, Department of Social Services (DSS) and MO HealthNet Division (MHD) hereby notify the public of the opportunity to provide meaningful comment on the progress of the Section 1115 Demonstration, Former Foster Care Youth. A copy of the Section 1115 demonstration proposal, approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, is posted at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/waivers/>. This notice is being provided pursuant to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements in 42 C.F.R. § 431.420(c).

The purpose of the demonstration is to provide MO HealthNet coverage to Missouri residents who are former foster care youth under age 26, who were in foster care under the responsibility of another state for at least six months and as of the date they turned age 18, and were enrolled in Medicaid while they were in foster care. Missouri will maintain MO HealthNet coverage for this population of former foster care youth, increase and strengthen overall coverage of former foster care youth in Missouri, and improve health outcomes for these youth.

Public Forum

The public is invited to review and comment on the State's approved demonstration. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express, or overnight mail, or by courier within thirty days after publication of this notice and must be sent to the following address:

**MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Court, 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65019
Attn: Tameka Whitney**

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for Former Foster Care Youth" in the subject line. Written comments must be received by **January 28, 2022**.

**Due to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic, DSS and MHD are following the Center for Disease Control's and local health departments' recommendations for "social distancing" and will hold these meetings virtually until further notice.*

The public is invited to comment on the approved demonstration at a **virtual** public forum. Attendees may join the meeting via WebEx:

Monday, January 31, 2022

11:00am – 12:00pm

Dial-In Number: (650) 479-3207

Meeting Number (access code): 2467 571 1362