

**1115 Waiver: Former Foster Care Youth
Public Comment Responses**

Comment #	Comment/Question:	Response Provided:
1	Is there a reason that it isn't worded to cover them till 26, unless they become otherwise appropriately insured, just like we would between a birth/adoptive parent and a typical citizen?	Section II of the demonstration outlines the eligibility group and what a participant must meet in order to qualify for coverage under this demonstration. State law and the waiver further restricts access to this particular program by requiring a participant to be ineligible for any other MO HealthNet category that provides similar coverage. RSMo. 208.151.1(26)
2	I am a resident of Ballwin, Mo. I support extending coverage of Medicaid to former foster youth until the age of 26.	Thank you for your comment.
3	I would like to comment that this is very much needed to provide health services to this vulnerable group of kids. My wife and I took in two homeless teens (2 years ago at the ages of 17 and 19). They had managed to float between grandparents (now deceased) and extended disfunctional family, before coming to live with us for two years. Needless to say, they avoided the foster care system directly. Both parents have been in and out of prison for drug related crimes since the boys were born. Eddie (now 21), struggles with some learning disabilities and ability to hold a job and is currently living with a host family. His younger brother we were able to secure an apartment and he is attending community college, however both boys are without any health coverage, while having need for it. Will this demonstration consider those kids that may have avoided the foster care system but still are without any "supports"? These kids are probably even at greater need. Thank you.	The demonstration does not allow for coverage unless the participant meets the eligibility for coverage under the demonstration outlined in Section II. Individuals are able to apply for MO HealthNet benefits by visiting your local Resource Center, online at mydss.mo.gov or by calling toll-free to 855-373-4636.