



## Former Foster Youth & **FREE** Medicaid until Age 26!

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must have been in foster care when you were age 18 or older and enrolled in Medicaid while in foster care
- Currently be under age 26
- Living in the state where you were in foster care or move to a state that covers youth from any [state](#)

### 4 reasons you should sign up for Medicaid health coverage for former foster youth:

1. **Its FREE:** You can save your money for school, rent, food and other things you need.
2. **You are eligible 'til your 26th Birthday.** Be sure to find out if you need to do anything to renew your coverage each year.
3. **Coverage isn't based on income:** Eligibility for Medicaid usually includes income requirements. There are no income requirements for former foster youth\*
4. **Your health is important!** If you are not healthy, it is hard to meet a lot of your goals. Good health insurance and health care helps you stay healthy!

### Tips:

- Ask your caseworker, lawyer, and judge whether you are enrolled in Medicaid as a former foster youth **before** you exit care as part of your **transition plan**
- Check to see if there is a **special application** or form to apply for Medicaid as a former foster youth if you do need to apply for coverage before age 26
- **Say you are a former foster youth** when applying at your local Medicaid office or online
- **Learn your state's process for renewal** of coverage so you do not lose your insurance if there is not automatic renewal. Make sure that the Medicaid office has your address so you do not miss any information about your coverage

Still not sure if you qualify or have questions?

Go to <http://healthcareffy.org>, Contact [outreach@fosterclub.com](mailto:outreach@fosterclub.com) or call 503-717-1552

\*Some exclusions. Contact FosterClub or your state program for more information.