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New Law Gives Former Foster Youth FREE Health Care until Age 26!

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, you get FREE Medi-Cal coverage in California if you were in foster care in any state on your 18th birthday.

Be sure to say you are a former foster youth when you go to sign up!

Do I Qualify?

- Were you in foster care in ANY state on your 18th birthday?
- Do you live in California now?
- And are you younger than 26?

Then, YES, you qualify! Sign up today!

What do you need when you sign up?

Bring your proof of residency to your local county services office when signing up for Medi-Cal. One of these items will work:

- California I.D. card or Driver's License
- Utility bill in your name
- Vehicle registration in your name

If you don't have these items, don't worry! Your local county services office can help.

Apply through the County by:

phone, fax, mail or in person.

Where can you sign up?

At your county Human Services or Social Services office:
www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx
Or at: coveredtil26.childrennow.org/how-to-sign-up.

Applicants are not required to complete a full application or provide any additional information beyond what is required on the Application for Medi-Cal for Former Foster Care Children (MC 250A) Form. No income or asset test.

BE SURE TO ✓ YES

WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE IN ANY STATE ON YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY?

☑ YES ☐ NO

3 reasons you should sign up for Medi-Cal for former foster youth:

1. **It's FREE:** You pay $0 for health care. You get to save your money for school, rent, food, and other things you need.
2. **No new application to fill out each year:** You sign up for Medi-Cal one time and stay covered until your 26th birthday.
3. **More choices:** You can go to any doctor, clinic, therapist, or hospital that takes Medi-Cal.

Have more questions? Visit **coveredtil26.childrennow.org** or **www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/FFY.aspx.**