

Important Changes to Eligibility in the Foster Care HUSKY Health Medicaid Program



New changes to eligibility requirements for Medicaid can help ensure continued coverage for Former Foster Care Children (FFCC) when they turn 18.

Each year in the U.S. over 20,000 young people transition from foster care to independent adulthood. Many experience barriers to health coverage and access to services which can exacerbate disparities in their physical and emotional health outcomes.

The recent SUPPORT Act amends the Affordable Care Act to expand eligibility for Medicaid among the FFCC group.

Former Foster Care Children who turn 18 on or after January 1, 2023 are **now eligible for continued Medicaid coverage regardless of which state they were previously covered in and regardless of whether or not they are eligible through a different mandatory eligibility group.**



HOW THESE NEW ELIGIBILITY RULES AFFECT FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILDREN APPLYING FOR HUSKY HEALTH COVERAGE IN CONNECTICUT:

PREVIOUS ELIGIBILITY RULES UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE FFCC GROUP:

- Under the age of 26
- Not eligible for or enrolled in** another mandatory eligibility group
- Enrolled in Medicaid and in foster care in **the state of Connecticut** when seeking continued Medicaid eligibility at age 18.

NEW ELIGIBILITY RULES THROUGH THE SUPPORT ACT FOR FFCC WHO TURN 18 ON OR AFTER JAN. 1:

- Under the age of 26
- Not enrolled in** another mandatory eligibility group (even if you meet eligibility requirements)
- Enrolled in Medicaid and in foster care in **any state** when seeking continued Medicaid eligibility at age 18.

EXAMPLE:

Daniel recently turned 18. He transitioned out of foster care and moved to Connecticut for a job opportunity. He is seeking Medicaid coverage as part of the FFCC group.

- Turned 18 on March 3, 2023
- Is eligible for coverage in another mandatory eligibility group **but is not enrolled**
- Was previously in foster care and covered by Medicaid **in Pennsylvania.**

Prior to the change, Danny would not have been eligible. But under the new rules, Danny is eligible for continued coverage in Connecticut even though he was previously covered in a different state.

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