

# Medicaid to 21

The Medicaid to 21 Program extends foster care medical benefits to youth ages 18 – 21 even if they are no longer in foster care or **other eligible out-of-home placement**.

## Who is eligible?

(Must be able to answer “YES” to ALL 3 statements)

- Youth is in foster care or other eligible out-of-home placement and **under age 21**
- **On or after July 22, 2007**, the youth was in foster care or other eligible out-of-home placement under the responsibility of DSHS or a federally recognized tribe within Washington State, **including**:
  - ✓ Licensed foster care
  - ✓ Relative foster care
  - ✓ Tribal foster care
  - ✓ ICPC foster care in Washington State
  - ✓ Other foster care (unlicensed, court ordered, guardianship)
- Youth was in foster care on their **18<sup>th</sup> birthday**

## Important things to know:

- Youth in the **adoption support** program are **not eligible**.
- Continued eligibility is **automatic**. The youth only needs to provide a mailing address to the Foster Care MEDS Team (FCMT) **prior to leaving care**. This will ensure that the youth continues to receive a medical identification card (med coupon) every month.
- If the youth applies for other DSHS services (Food Assistance, TANF) through the CSO, they **may no longer be eligible** for the Foster Care Medical program and should contact the FCMT for more information.
- The DCFS social worker has **no** ongoing responsibility to continue **case management** for youth who leave care and are eligible for continued Foster Care Medical benefits.

## Direct questions to:

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Foster Care MEDS Team (FCMT) at: **1-800-547-3109**