

RMD Bulletin

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Medi-Cal for Foster Care Children Turning Age 18

As of October 2000, children transitioning out of foster care at the age 18 can continue their Medi-Cal coverage under the Former Foster Care Children (FFCC) Program. This program will provide full, no cost Medi-Cal for children in foster care on their 18th birthday and who were released from foster care due to age.

The FFCC Program covers the following services: regular health check-ups, regular dental check-ups, vision tests, emergency care, and mental health services.

When the foster care status ends, the Department of Children and Family Services will send the Medical eligibility information to the Department of Public Social Services and the case will be assigned to an eligibility worker. The recipient will then receive a notice with the name and telephone number of their eligibility worker.

Under this program, recipients are required to:

- Provide their Medi-Cal worker with a current address.
- Reside in California in order to remain eligible.
- Respond to the once-per-year contact from the Medi-Cal worker who will ask the beneficiary if she/he still needs Medi-Cal coverage.

Who is eligible?

- Foster Care children under the responsibility of the State on his or her 18th birthday qualify for continued Medi-Cal coverage until their 21st birthday.

Who is not eligible?

- Children who leave foster care before the age of 18 are not eligible.
- Children in the Kin-Guardian Assistance Program (Kin-GAP) are not eligible, because they are no longer under State control.
- Children who are undocumented are not eligible.
- Children who are in residential treatment facilities or incarcerated are not eligible, but can receive FFCC coverage once released from these institutions.
- Children who are in foster care placement at 100% County expense are not eligible.

Since there are no income or asset requirements, annual redetermination is limited to verification of any remaining factors such as state residency.

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If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact RMD at (213) 480-3444 or RevenueManagement@dmh.lacounty.gov.