

MEDICAID FOR YOUNG ADULTS



What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a state program that provides medical coverage to young adults who were placed in out of home care, receive adoption assistance benefits or guardianship assistance benefits.

Am I Eligible for Medicaid?

Young adults who meet the following criteria are eligible for Medicaid up until 21 years of age. Young Adults who are eligible below do not have to apply for Medicaid, the Community-Based Care (CBC) Lead Agencies are responsible for applying on your behalf.

1. Young adults who turned 18 while in out-of-home care.
2. Young adults who are enrolled in the EMAS (Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy) Program.
3. Young adults who are enrolled in the EGAP (Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program).
4. Young adults who were adopted at age 14 through 17 after being in licensed care for at least 6 months.
5. Young adults placed with a court-approved dependency guardian at the age of 14 through 17 after spending at least 6 months in licensed care within the 12 months immediately preceding placement with the caregiver.

What Do I Need To Do If I Move?

If you change your physical address between the ages of 18-21, you are responsible for notifying your CBC Lead Agency, former independent living (IL) specialist or post adoption specialist so that they can update your address in the system. Failure to update your address will cause a delay in obtaining Medicaid services. Medicaid services are provided based on your physical address on file.

Am I Eligible for Medicaid until Age 26?

If you are under 26 years old, were in the foster care system and were receiving Medicaid when you turned 18, then you are automatically eligible for Medicaid until the age of 26 years old. Apply for Former Foster Youth Medicaid in the month you turn 21.

1. To apply for Medicaid, click this link. <https://myaccess.myflfamilies.com/>
2. If you need assistance with applying for Medicaid, please contact your form CBC Lead Agency or IL specialist. For a list of statewide IL contacts, please select the following link. [IL Contact List](#)
3. When applying for Medicaid, you will select the requested coverage “**Under 26 and aged out of foster care**”. For this criteria, “foster care” means placement with a relative, non-relative, licensed foster home or group home.
4. If you change your physical address after the age of 21, you are responsible for notifying Access Florida so that they can update your address in the system. Failure to update your address will cause a delay in obtaining Medicaid services. Medicaid services are provided based on your physical address on file.
 - a. If you need help, you can select the link <https://myaccess.myflfamilies.com/> and click “Help & Resources” for a telephone number and hours of operation.
 - b. You can also contact your IL specialist in your area if you need help with completing this request.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Andrea Ziglar, Youth and Young Adults Services Specialist, at andrea.ziglar@myflfamilies.com or 850-661-4162, or the Office of Continuing Care, at 850-300- HOPE (4673).