EFFECTIVE

Immediately.

SUBJECT

Medicaid for young adult voluntary foster care youth.

Youth entering Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) remain eligible for the federal medical assistance program, Medicaid. For more information on YAVFC, including eligibility and program requirements; see FOM 722-16, Foster Care-Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care.

Type of Medical Assistance

YAVFC youth are categorically eligible for Medicaid. The youth's foster care case status or a physical or mental disability determines which type of medical assistance is provided. YAVFC youth will receive one of the three following types of Medicaid:

- MA-FCDW (Foster Care Departmental Ward Medicaid).
- FCTMA (Foster Care Transitional Medicaid).
- MA-SSI (Supplemental Security Income Medicaid).

MA-FCDW

Youth entering YAVFC by extending an open foster care case continue to receive MA-FCDW. Do not close MA-FCDW.

FCTMA

Youth entering/re-entering YAVFC after case closure are eligible for and provided FCTMA. Youth entering or re-entering YAVFC with current FCTMA remain in FCTMA. Do not open MA-FCDW for youth with FCTMA.

Youth entering YAVFC without FCTMA or any other Medicaid benefit must be enrolled in FCTMA. The foster care worker must follow the FCTMA enrollment process as specified in FOB 2011-012, Interim Policy Bulletin for Transitional Medicaid. The FCTMA enrollment must be initiated immediately for any eligible youth requesting to participate in YAVFC. The YAVFC Agreement does not need to be in effect in order for the eligible youth to receive FCTMA.

MA-SSI

Youth currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are provided MA-SSI. Ongoing MA-SSI eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. Youth with MA-SSI who are either extending an open foster care case or entering/re-entering YAVFC after case closure retain MA-SSI, as long as the SSI is active.

MANUAL MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS