

# Is This The Help You Need?

Michigan's foster care youth voiced concerns about health care, and we listened!

## You Said...

“Like private health insurance under a parent, foster youth should be eligible for Medicaid until our 26th birthday.”

“Workers still need to make sure youths understand their rights before they leave care because right now we don't know we're eligible for Medicaid, how to get it, or what doctors and dentists accept it.”

**Check It Out!**

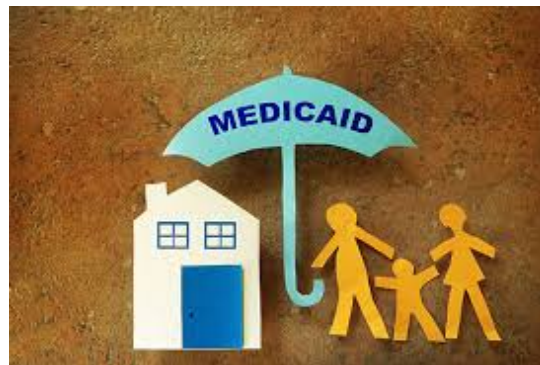
## Questions?

### Already Enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan and Need Answers?

Michigan ENROLLS for your Medicaid Health Plan  
888-367-6557

Medicaid Beneficiary Help Line for your MI Health Card or Medicaid question  
800-642-3195

Foster Care Transitional Medicaid Foster Youth In Transition  
Michigan.gov/FYIT –  
Go to the Health & Wellness > Insurance > Foster Care Transitional Medicaid.



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# Foster Care Transitional Medicaid

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- Are you turning 18 years old soon?  
OR
- Are you between the ages of 18 and 21?  
AND
- Are you currently in foster care but leaving soon?  
OR
- Were you in foster care on your 18th birthday and are under the age of 26?

**Medical Assistance for Foster Youth and Former Foster Youth Who Are Aging-Out**

# Who Is Eligible?

Foster youth exiting foster care and former foster youth who:

- Are under the age of 26.
- Lived in an out-of-home foster care placement and under the responsibility of MDHHS or a Tribal Court at age 18. (That means private agencies, too.)
- Are NOT currently incarcerated.



**HEY!** While still in foster care, it is okay to remind your worker you need to talk about this.

# When and How Do I Get This Support?

## Important!

Foster Care Transitional Medicaid Eligibility

- Begins at age 18 or older for youth currently exiting foster care.
- Is available for former foster youth under age 26, who exited foster care at age 18 or older.

Prior to closing your foster care case, your foster care worker will:

- **Discuss Foster Care Transitional Medicaid with you.** Once Foster Care Transitional Medicaid is open, former foster care youth remain Medicaid eligible through the month of his/her 26th birthday, regardless of assets or income.
- **Provide you with information about enrolling into the Medicaid Health Plan of your choice** (available in county of residence) with a review of the MDHHS publication, Guide to Michigan Medicaid Health Plans.
- **Make a referral to the Foster Care Transitional Medicaid Unit to open your Foster Care Transitional Medicaid.** Be sure to provide your worker with your new address after foster care.

# What Medical Services Are Covered?

Some of the health care services provided are:

- Vision
- Medicine/Prescriptions
- Health Check-up
- Lab and X-ray
- Doctor Visits
- Mental Health
- Family Planning
- Prenatal Care and Delivery
- Hospital Care
- Emergency Care

## For Your Information

Once you choose a Medicaid Health Plan, you will find out about the many services offered.



**What if my foster care case is closed and I don't have a worker anymore?**

First, contact your former worker and ask for his/her assistance. If unable to contact the worker, contact the MDHHS office in your county. Ask to speak to the Foster Care Health Liaison Officer for information on Foster Care Transitional Medicaid.

[Michigan.gov/ContactMDHHS](https://Michigan.gov/ContactMDHHS)