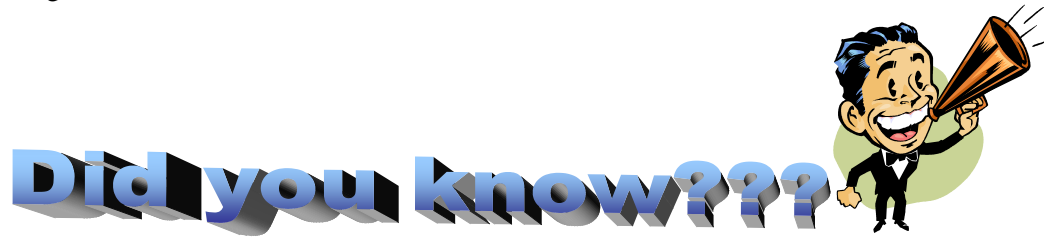


August 14, 2007



As of **July 22, 2007** youth age 18-21 exiting foster care or other eligible out-of-home placements **may qualify** for continued Medicaid benefits.

**Who is eligible?** (Must be able to answer “YES” to ALL 3 statements)

1. Youth was in foster care **other eligible out-of-home placement** on their 18th birthday
2. Youth is in foster care or other eligible out-of-home placement and **under age 21**
3. **On or after July 22, 2007**, the youth was in **foster care or other eligible out-of-home placement** under the legal responsibility of DSHS or a federally recognized tribe within Washington State. Types of “**other eligible out-of-home placements**” include:
  - ✓ Licensed foster care
  - ✓ Relative foster care
  - ✓ Tribal foster care
  - ✓ ICPC foster care in Washington State
  - ✓ Other foster care (unlicensed, court ordered, guardianship)

**Things social workers, caregivers and youth should know:**

- Continued eligibility is **automatic**. **Prior to leaving care** the youth will need to call the Foster Care MEDS Team (FCMT) at **1-800-547-3109** to **provide a mailing address**. This will ensure that the youth receives a medical identification card (med coupon) every month.
- Youth **will not** have to **change medical providers** or **complete eligibility reviews**.
- If the youth applies for other DSHS services through their local Community Services Office (CSO), they **may no longer be eligible** for medical benefits through this program. Youth should contact the FCMT at **1-800-547-3109** for more information.
- Youth in the **adoption support** program are **not eligible**.
- Social workers do not have to provide **case management** for youth who leave care and are eligible for continued Medicaid benefits.
- This program is for **medical benefits** only. It **does not** provide youth with a **place to live** or **continued placement** in a foster home.

**For questions call:**

Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA)  
**Foster Care MEDS Team at: 1-800-547-3109**

OR

Children’s Administration  
**Foster Care Health Program Manager at: 360-902-8006**