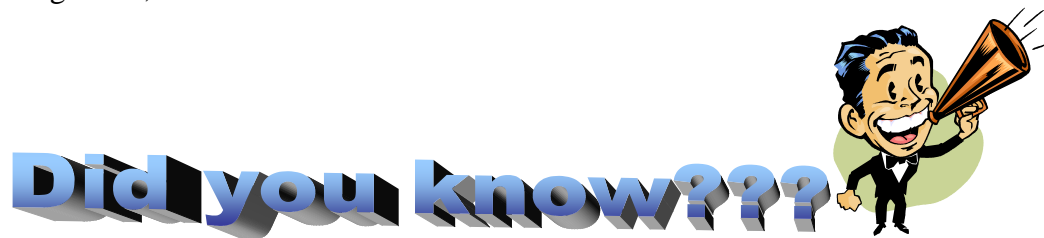


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Youth between ages 18-21 leaving foster care or other eligible out-of-home placement on or after July 22, 2007 may qualify for continued Medical benefits.

**Am I eligible?** (You must be able to answer “YES” to ALL 3 of the statements below)

1. I was in foster care on my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
2. I am under 21 years of age
3. On or after July 22, 2007, I 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)

### **What should I know?**

- I do not have to change doctors or complete eligibility reviews.
- Eligibility is automatic. I only need to provide a mailing address to the Foster Care MEDS Team (FCMT) at **1-800-547-3109 before I leave care**. This will ensure that my medical benefits continue.
- If I move and do not call **1-800-547-3109** my medical benefits will **STOP** until I provide a current address.
- I am not eligible if I receive adoption support assistance.
- If I apply for other DSHS services through my local Community Services Office (CSO), I may no longer be eligible for medical benefits through this program. I should call the FCMT for more information.
- This program is for medical benefits only. It will not provide me with a place to live or continued placement in a foster home.

### **Who should I call if I have questions?**

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