



ACA/FAMILY MEDICAID 201-6

Former Foster Care Children under Age 26

Supersedes: FMA 201-6 (07/01/2016)

Reference: 42 CFR 435.150

Overview: The Affordable Care Act created a new Medicaid eligibility group for young adults who aged out of foster care Medicaid at age 18 or older. Former foster care children can apply for Medicaid coverage under this group if they are under age 26 **AND**:

1. Were placed in state (any state) or tribal foster care **AND**
2. Were receiving Medicaid at the time they turned 18 (or older) and aged out of the foster care program in Montana; OR
3. If in foster care and receiving Medicaid in another state, the individual must have turned 18 on or after 01/01/2023.
(If turned 18 on 12/31/2022, not eligible for FFC in Montana)

The individual may self-attest that they meet the above criteria; verification cannot be required. The filing unit is always a unit of one, the former foster child; no others are included. This program does not have an income or resource test.

NON-FINANCIAL CRITERIA:

Medicaid standard nonfinancial requirements are listed in section CMA 300 Non-Financial Overview. In addition to the standard criteria that applies to all Medicaid programs, the following nonfinancial criteria are specific to ACA Former Foster Care:

- Must be under age 26;
- Aged out of foster care; and
- Were receiving Medicaid at the time they aged out

COVERAGE ENDS:

Medicaid closes when the client:

1. requests closure;
2. dies;
3. moves out of Montana

4. is non-compliant with TPL and/or Program Compliance; or
5. reaches age 26 (eligibility continues through the month of their 26th birthday).

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