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**Topic:** Medical Benefits

**Subject:** Staff Announcement: Continued health care coverage for foster care youth

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees             | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging        | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): DMAP and managed care plans |

**Message:**

Effective May 1, 2010, DMAP clients who “age out” of foster care will continue receiving OHP Plus benefits including full dental and visual care, until they turn 21.

Currently, clients in Foster Care receive the OHP Plus benefit package including full dental and visual care until they age out of the system. Keeping these clients on their current benefit package until age 21 will ensure continuity of care and help them as they move into their future. National research has shown that 44 percent of youth who have transitioned out of foster care have difficulty accessing health care, and 50 percent have no insurance, compared to 30 percent among the general population of young adults 18 to 25.

This change will affect about 400 clients per year. Affected clients will be notified of the ongoing benefits and be assisted in accessing the services they need.

These clients will be identified with a P2, MAA or D4 PERC code.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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