

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY) Medical Program?

The FFCY Medical Program extends Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits to former foster care youth who are between the ages of 18 and 25. A popular provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows children/dependents under age 26 to stay on their parent's health insurance. Recognizing that children who are discharged from the foster care system as an adult (ages 18 – 20) do not always have that option, the ACA includes a provision allowing former foster care youth to remain on Medicaid/OHP until age 26, regardless of income or resources.

Who is eligible for FFCY Medical Program?

FFCY Medical Program is available to those who meet the following criteria:

- Between the ages of 18 and 25 (eligibility ends on person's 26th birthday);
- Left Oregon's foster care system (substitute care placement) at age 18 or older;
- Currently reside in Oregon; and
- Complete the application process.(see below for more details)

When does this provision take effect?

This provision took effect January 1, 2014.

What kind of coverage is provided by FFCY Medical Program?

Coverage is provided through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). OHP benefits include:

- Access to regular check-ups and preventative care;
- Access to primary care doctors;
- Mental Health Services; and
- Some vision and dental care and more.

How to get an application and/or apply?

Youth can request an OHP medical application the following ways:

- Request an application from their DHS caseworker, Independent Living Program (ILP) provider or Foster Club Dedicated Outreach Representative.
- Call OHP Customer Service at 1-800-699-9075 or 711 (TTY).
- Complete the application online at: oregonhealthcare.gov
- Contact a community partner or insurance agent for free help, find them at: <http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/get-help-2.html>

What information is needed to enroll?

You will need to have the following details available:

- Social security number;
- Mailing and home addresses;
- Phone number;
- Private medical insurance (if any); and
- Foster care case number or person number, if available.

Select your Coordinated Care Organization. Youth will be asked about which providers, services, and medical plan they prefer.

What is a Coordinated Care Organization?

Most people on the Oregon Health Plan are served by a local “Coordinated Care Organization” (CCO). These organizations bring together all aspects of care: doctors, hospitals, dental care, mental health care and public health.

When will coverage begin?

Coverage will be established on the Date of Request, which is the date you requested an application from OHP Customer Service or the date the application is received by OHP, whichever is first. Enrollment in your plan may take a several days. Bills incurred between your Date of Request and plan enrollment date will be covered.

Will there be an annual renewal process?

Yes, each year you will receive a renewal form/application from OHP. You will need to complete the application and return it by the due date that will be on the information you will receive. If that paper notice is returned to OHP by the postal service as “not deliverable,” your FFCY Medical coverage may be terminated. Please make sure OHP Customer Service always has your most up to date contact information.

What if the applicant is already receiving OHP medical coverage?

You don’t need to do anything, continue with the OHP coverage you have. (You will still need to renew annually, see above). The benefits are the same. If at any time your coverage ends and you want to re-apply you may do so and will be eligible through the month you turn age 26.

What if the applicant already has private insurance through their employer?

No problem. You can have both private insurance and FFCY Medical/OHP. OHP will be your secondary insurance coverage to help pay medical bills. You will need to indicate on your application that you have private insurance or let OHP Customer Service know during enrollment.

Will the FFCY Medical Program/OHP cover youth that move out of state?

- No. You will need to notify OHP Customer Service at 1-800-699-9075 or 711 (TTY). The Oregon Health Plan will not cover you if you reside outside of Oregon. However, some states are providing FFCY Medical Program coverage to eligible former foster youth regardless of which state had care and custody during their foster care placement. You should check with the Independent Living Program Coordinator in the state you are moving to. You can find each state’s contact information at <http://www.nrcyd.ou.edu/>. If you move back to Oregon, while you are still eligible, please contact OHP Customer Service and they will be able to help reinstate your FFCY Medical Program enrollment.

What is happening to ensure that youth discharged from the foster care system receives this benefit?

The youth's DHS child welfare caseworker will be assisting him/her to complete the OHP medical application as the youth is preparing to transition out of the foster care system. Other DHS Child Welfare staff and contractors are also working very closely with the Oregon Health Plan to enroll eligible youth.

Where do I go for more information about FFCY Medical Program?

- Visit our website:
http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/pages/ind_living/resources.aspx
- Like us on  **Oregon ILP** or follow us on  **@OregonDHS**
- **Call: OHP Customer Service at 1-800-699-9075 or 711 (TTY).**
- **Or visit a DHS Self-Sufficiency Office**
- **Visit the OHP web site at oregonhealthcare.gov**