



New Law Gives Former Foster Youth FREE Health Care until Age 26!

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, you get FREE Medi-Cal coverage in California if you were in foster care in any state on your 18th birthday or later.

Be sure to say you are a former foster youth when you go to sign up!

Do I Qualify?

- Were you in foster care in ANY state on your 18th birthday or later?
- Do you live in California now?
- And are you younger than 26?

Then, YES, you qualify! Sign up today!

To sign up in Santa Cruz County:

Call the Benefits Call Center at **888-421-8080**.

*If you leave foster care after January 1, 2014, you do not need to sign up. Your Medi-Cal will automatically continue until age 26.

What's covered?

Medical care, vision exams, substance abuse treatment, mental health services and counseling, and dental care.

Having trouble signing up?

Have more questions?

Visit www.coveredtil26.org or email coveredtil26@childrennow.org

BE SURE TO YES

WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE IN ANY STATE ON YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY OR LATER?

YES NO

3 reasons you should sign up for Medi-Cal for former foster youth:

- 1 It's FREE:** You pay \$0 for health care. You get to save your money for school, rent, food, and other things you need.
- 2 No new application to fill out each year:** You sign up for Medi-Cal one time and stay covered until your 26th birthday.
- 3 More choices:** You can go to any doctor, clinic, therapist, or hospital that takes Medi-Cal.

