



## 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 Kern County:

Former foster youth have two convenient options:

1. Call the Dream Center & Coffee House at **661-636-4488**  
1212 18th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

2. Call the Kern County Department of Human Services at **661-631-6807**.

\*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](http://www.coveredtil26.org) or email [coveredtil26@childrennow.org](mailto:coveredtil26@childrennow.org)

### BE SURE TO YES

WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE IN ANY STATE ON YOUR 18<sup>TH</sup> 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.

