



FREE HEALTH INSURANCE

FOR **FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH**
UNTIL AGE **26**.

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:

compass.state.pa.us

Were you in
foster care in
ANY state on or
after age 18?

Do you live in
Pennsylvania
now?

Are you
younger than
26 years-old?

If you answered **“YES”** you qualify!

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides medical assistance for
former foster care youth **UNTIL AGE 26**.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

1. It's **FREE!**
2. There are **NO INCOME LIMITS** so you can **SAVE YOUR MONEY.**
3. You can **STAY HEALTHY** and see any treatment provider that takes your health plan.

CHECK “YES”:

Were you in foster care at age 18 or older?

Did your foster care end because of your age?

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SIGN UP AT YOUR COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICE OR CALL

1-866-550-4355

Questions? Visit www.jlc.org/coveredtil26PA

Tips for Filling out a Medical Assistance (MA) form if you were in Foster Care At Age 18 or Older

Filling out the MA form can seem hard to do, but you can do it!

Here are some tips to help you fill out the form. These tips are for youth who were in foster care at age 18 or older and who are not pregnant, a parent, or disabled. **Because MA coverage for former foster youth does not have income rules, proof of your income or savings is not needed.**

Sign up:

Online at www.compass.state.pa.us

By calling 1-866-550-4355

In-person at your county assistance office.

Your Information:

Fill in your full name and your social security number.

You will need a mailing address.

This can be where you are currently living. You can also use a friend's address or someone who is willing to get mail for you.

Be sure to answer "yes" to the foster care questions:

- Were you in foster care at age 18 or older?
- Did your foster care end because of age?

Info About Your Income:

Former foster youth can get Medicaid without their income counting. If you have income, you should fill in what you know: who you work for, how much you get paid, and how often you get paid. If you have SSI or other Social Security benefits, fill in that information.

About the Tax Questions:

New rules for who qualifies for Medicaid are based on tax rules. But if you do not file taxes, DHS will use other rules. If you are certain that someone will claim you as a tax dependent, answer "yes" to that question. **But if you don't know, you can answer "no."**

You may need to provide proof of your former foster status. In that case, you may need to send:

- Proof of your income if you are pregnant, a parent or disabled.
- Proof of foster care if you were in foster care in another state.