CALL-IN DAY

WHEN February 15, 2017

Let Congress Know You Want It to Save Medicaid for Former Foster Youth

Across the country, about 23,000 young people age out of the foster care system each year, and they are more likely than their peers to suffer from health issues due to exposure to trauma, homelessness, and neglect.

Young people get to stay on their parents' insurance policies until age 26. Foster youth do not have this benefit.

Medicaid coverage for former foster youth has positively impacted the lives of thousands of former foster youth, ensuring that they are also able to stay covered until age 26 as a provision of the Affordable Care Act. Maintaining this coverage is vitally important to their future.

Please join us in advocating to ensure coverage for these young people.

HERE'S HOW TO Get involved:

If you work with youth:

- **Schedule a meeting** or event on Feb. 15th and have phones available for call-ins
- Share this info with youth and young adults, help them prep for calls
- Help youth identify the Representatives for your district here: <u>https://www.govtrack.us/co</u> ngress/members/PA

Current or former foster youth: CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS (SEE LIST ON REVERSE SIDE).

What to say when you call? SEE REVERSE FOR CALL-IN SCRIPTS.

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at jpokempner@jlc.org or mhopkins@jlc.org.

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WHO TO CALL:

PA Representatives' D.C. Offices (Find your district here: <u>https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/PA</u>)

Robert Brady (D, 1 st District)	Patrick Meehan (R, 7 th District)	Brendan Boyle (D, 13 th District)
202-225-4731	202-225-2011	202-225-6111
Dwight Evans (D, 2 nd District)	Brian Fitzpatrick (R, 8 th District)	Michael Doyle, Jr. (D, 14 th District)
202-225-4001	202-225-4276	202-225-2135
Mike Kelly (R, 3 rd District)	Bill Shuster (R, 9 th District)	Charles Dent (R, 15 th District)
202-228-5406	202-225-2431	202-225-6411
Scott Perry (R, 4 th District)	Tom Marino (R, 10 th District)	Lloyd Smucker (R, 16 th District)
202-225-5836	202-225-3731	202-225-2411
Glenn Thompson (R, 5 th District) 202-225-5121	Lou Barletta (R, 11 th District) 202-225-6511	Matthew Cartwright (D, 17 th District) 202-225-5546
Ryan Costello (R, 6 th District)	Keith Rothfus (R, 12 th District)	Tim Murphy (R, 18 th District)
202-225-4315	202-225-2065	202-225-2301

PA Senators' D.C. Offices Bob Casey, Jr. (D) DC office: (202) 224-6324, Toll free: (866)802-2833

Pat Toomey (R): DC office: (202) 224-4254

WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU CALL:

When you call, tell your Representative and Senators that you want Medicaid for former foster youth to be saved. Tell them why having health insurance until age 26 will help you. Here are some things you may want to say:

I am a foster youth and will age out of care soon. I'm not sure that I will have health insurance unless Medicaid for Former Foster Youth is in place. Here are some of the reasons that having health insurance is important to me and will help me:

I am a former foster youth and currently have health insurance because of the Medicaid for Former Foster Youth program under the ACA. Because of this health care coverage I am able to get the following care: ______.

Here are some of the reasons that having Medicaid coverage is important to me and will help me:

Be sure to include the following information, if it applies to you:

- If you have special health or treatment needs, share specifically how having health insurance will help keep you healthy.
- If having health insurance is helping you get or keep a job or stay in school, let them know.
- If you are not sure if you would have health insurance without the Medicaid for Former Foster Youth Program, let your Representative and Senators know.
- If you want your Representative and Senators to stand up for foster youth, let them know they should support the Medicaid for Former Foster Youth Program.