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IHCP eligibility requirements for former foster care youth are changing

The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is changing the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) eligibility requirements for former foster care youth, effective retroactively to **Jan. 1, 2023**.

As of Jan. 1, 2023, Indiana has the following category of Medicaid coverage for former foster care youth:

- Former foster care youth who were enrolled in Medicaid and aged out of foster care within any state can qualify for Medicaid coverage up to their 26th birthday. This coverage does not have an income limit or require annual redeterminations of eligibility.

The OMPP eliminated the following more limited category as of Jan. 1, 2023:

- Former foster care youth from states other than Indiana can qualify for coverage until their 21st birthday, if they meet income and reporting guidelines.

Health coverage has been extended up to age 26 to Indiana residents who meet the following:

- Were in foster care under the responsibility of any state when they turned 18.
- Were enrolled in Medicaid at that time or at some point while in foster care.
- Do not meet eligibility requirements for any other category of Medicaid.

Currently, the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) application has one question asking if the applicant was in foster care in Indiana on their 18th birthday. The OMPP is updating this question to match the new Medicaid rules regarding former foster youth.

While asking this question to future PE applicants as of Jan. 1, 2023, providers should ask if the applicants have been in foster care **in any state** on their 18th birthday.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the Presumptive Eligibility mailbox at presumptiveeligibility@fssa.in.gov.



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