

Maintaining Medicaid Coverage - 18 & 21 year olds

Background:

All Medicaid clients are placed in categories of medical assistance depending on their age and financial status. Clients can switch between Medicaid categories periodically.

Our DCF Medical Assistance Unit is responsible for maintaining medical coverage for DCF involved youth. However, they do NOT monitor cases to ensure coverage remains active when our youth change their Medicaid assistance category.

DCF Social Workers are responsible for submitting an MA1 form and/or a DCF 779 form to ensure coverage remains active when youth who desire to stay involved with DCF turn 18 and 21 years old.

Age 18:

Youths Still Involved With DCF:

When a youth still involved with DCF turns 18, the DCF Social Worker is responsible for submitting a DCF 779 FORM AND MA1 FORM to the DCF Medical Assistance Unit. Submitting these forms will ensure coverage remains active.

The DCF 779 must be faxed to 203.427.2880. The MA1 Form must be emailed to the DCF Medical Assistance Unit.

The youth is switched into a D04 medical assistance category.

Medical coverage will be terminated when a youth turns 18, if the 779 form and MA1 form are NOT COMPLETED for youths still involved with DCF.

Youths No Longer Involved With DCF:

When a youth decides to end their involvement with DCF, they do not sign a DCF 779 Form. DCF Social Workers are responsible for:

- Informing youth that their DCF related Medicaid coverage will end (when??)
- Informing youth, they may be eligible for Medicaid coverage until they turn 26.
- Informing youth they must complete a HUSKY HEALTH application to apply for Medicaid. The Department of Social Services staff will review the application and determine whether they are eligible for adult Medicaid coverage.
- Giving the youth the HUSKY HEALTH application and encouraging them to call 2-1-1 Infoline (dial 211) if they need help with the application.

Age 21:

When a youth still involved with DCF turns 21, the DCF Social Worker must email an MA1 Form to the DCF Medical Assistance Unit. Submitting the MA1 form will ensure coverage stays active.

The youth is switched into a D02 medical assistance category.

Medical coverage will be terminated when a youth turns 21, if the MA1 form is NOT COMPLETED for youths still involved with DCF.

Youths No Longer Involved With DCF:

When a 21 year old decides to end their involvement with DCF, they do not sign a DCF 779 Form. DCF Social Workers are responsible for:

- Informing youth that their DCF related Medicaid coverage will end (when??)
- Informing youth, they may be eligible for Medicaid coverage until they turn 26.
- Informing youth they must complete a HUSKY HEALTH application to apply for Medicaid. The Department of Social Services staff will review the application and determine whether they are eligible for adult Medicaid coverage.
- Giving the youth the HUSKY HEALTH application and encouraging them to call 2-1-1 Infoline (dial 211) if they need help with the application.