



# NORTH DAKOTA MEDICAID COVERAGE FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

## ND FOSTER CARE

Were you in North Dakota foster care upon reaching the age of 18?

## ND Medicaid

Were you enrolled in ND Medicaid upon reaching the age of 18?

## Client Age

Are you under the age of 26 today?

## Client Residence

Do you live in North Dakota today?

**If you answered “Yes!” to all four questions above, you qualify for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid Coverage until the age of 26!**

Effective January 1, 2014, the ACA allows young people who were in foster care under the custody of a ND public agency (county, state, Division of Juvenile Services, or Tribes) and receiving ND Medicaid when they turned 18 to enroll and qualify for Medicaid up to the age of 26, regardless of their income.

Continued access to health care is essential to helping youth successfully transition to an independent adulthood. Medicaid is an important resource for providing that access to care. Medicaid provides medical, vision, and dental coverage and pays for services like substance abuse and behavioral health treatment, counseling, and other health-related care.



### **What if I “aged out” of ND foster care before January 1, 2014... Do I Qualify?**

- Maybe! If you meet the criteria above and have not turned age 26, you would be eligible to enroll to qualify for Medicaid coverage until you turn age 26.

### **What if I “aged out” of ND foster care, but was living with my grandma in MN upon reaching the age of 18 due to my placement... do I qualify?**

- Maybe! If you meet the criteria above and have not turned age 26, you would be eligible to enroll to qualify for Medicaid coverage until you turn age 26.

### **What if I Need Help Getting Enrolled?**

- Contact your local county social services office.
- Tell the worker you are a former foster youth.
- If you continue to need help after working directly with the county, you may choose to call your former foster care case manager or a Chafee Transition Coordinator.

More Information: [www.apply.dhs.nd.gov](http://www.apply.dhs.nd.gov)