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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this memo is to outline for county staff how to access the 1095-B forms for youth in foster care. This is the same process that has been in place since 2016.

Information:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1095-B is a federal tax document that includes information about the months in the previous year that an individual was enrolled in qualifying health care coverage, also known as [Minimum Essential Coverage \(MEC\)](#).

IRS 1095-B forms sent out by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing show the months that a member was enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) or Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+).

For most members, these forms are generated from the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) and available in their [Colorado.gov/PEAK](https://colorado.gov/PEAK) Mail Center. However, the 1095-B forms for youth in foster care are not available in CBMS. The process to obtain these forms is outlined below.

Steps to access 1095-B forms for youth in foster care:

Individuals listed as a Department of Health Care Policy and Financing contact for child welfare for their county will receive a link to a Google folder. The IRS Form 1095-B forms for children in their county who were enrolled in foster care or adoption Health

First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) in the previous tax year will be in this folder. Forms will be available by the end of February.

Parents do not need to wait until they receive this form to file taxes.

The county is not expected or required to print or mail these forms, but may choose to print the forms and give them to members.

If a parent and/or authorized representative needs a corrected 1095-B form for a child in the folder, or a child's form is not included in the folder, they should be directed to contact the Health First Colorado Member Contact Center at 1-800-221-3943 / State Relay: 711.

Attachment(s):

[Foster Care Youth 1095-B: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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