



Out of State Former Foster Care Youth FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions for Former Foster Care Out of State Youth February 2023

Prior to January 1, 2023, Colorado only covered children who aged out of foster care in Colorado until the age of 26.

The Former Foster Care expansion will cover youth who aged out of foster care in another state if they were in foster care at the age of 18 on or after January 1, 2023, on Medical Assistance and have become residents of Colorado from another state.

What is Out of State Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY)?

Qualifying Former Foster Care youth is an individual who was enrolled in Medicaid in another state, was in Foster Foster Care and turned the age 18 on or after January 1, 2023, and is now a Colorado resident. These individuals can receive Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) coverage up until the age of 26.

Who is eligible for Out of State FFCY coverage?

Youth who self attest they were in Former Foster Care Medical Assistance on their 18th birthday while living in a state other than Colorado and turn 18 on or after January 1, 2023.

What is the age guideline for Out of State FFCY?

The Out of State FFCY must have turned 18 on or after January 1, 2023, and up to the age of 26.

What if the Out of State FFCY turns 18 before January 1, 2023, can they still be eligible for Out of State FFCY?

No, they are not eligible for Out of State FFCY but could be eligible for a different Medical Assistance program.



Can a member be Pregnant and eligible for Out of State FFCY coverage?

Yes, Out of State FFCY coverage does not have restrictions on pregnancy. Out of State FFCY members are also eligible for 12 months of post-partum care when their pregnancy ends.

Are there any income or resource limits for Out of State FFCY?

No, Out of State FFCY coverage does not have restrictions on Income or resources.

How does someone apply for Out of State FFCY?

FFCY who aged out of foster care in another state is not required to complete a full Medicaid application to apply for Out of State FFCY coverage. FFCY may complete a separate, simplified form to enroll in Former Foster Care Health First Colorado coverage. The simplified form will solicit only information necessary to determine the eligibility criteria to enroll youth in coverage.

How does an individual apply for Out of State FFCY coverage in Colorado?

FFCY Individuals can request FFCY coverage by doing one of the following:

- Online by Creating a PEAK account at [Colorado PEAK](#); Colorado's online PEAK system has been updated to ask individuals who meet the Out of State FFCY age criteria if they received "Former Foster Care Medical Assistance on their 18th birthday while living in a state other than Colorado and turned 18 on or after January 1, 2023?" Individuals who answer "Yes" will be asked a few questions before being able to submit the application.
- Contacting their county Department of Human Services
- Complete the Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth Form located under apply by mail section.
 - [Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth form](#)

What is the Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth Form?

The Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth Form was created to allow Former Foster care youth to skip the need to complete a full Medical Assistance application and allow the ability to self-declare that they were in Former Foster Care Medical Assistance on their 18th birthday while living in a state other than Colorado and turned **18 on or after January 1, 2023**.

The Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth Form is a tool that can remove barriers for some individuals who may be deterred by a longer application. It may also be used by trusted partners such as state child welfare agencies, advocates, and others who assist youth formerly in foster care to promote enrollment.



Eligibility workers will be required to update three mandatory questions in CBMS. Eligibility workers need to reach out to the individual to obtain any answers to questions that are mandatory and were not answered on the form. Individuals should not be denied for failing to answer all the other questions on the form if the first question is answered yes. Eligibility workers need to refer to the “Entering Out of State Former Foster Care Member Information” process manual for data entry requirements.

Is the individual applying for Out of State FFCY automatically eligible for coverage?

Yes, individuals who self attested they were on Former Foster Care Medical Assistance on their 18th birthday while living in a state other than Colorado and turn 18 on or after January 1, 2023, are automatically eligible for the Out of State FFCY Health First Colorado coverage.

Who Verifies the Out of State FFCY coverage?

The Out of State FFCY coverage does not need to be verified. Once the individual Self attested they were on Former Foster Care Medical Assistance on their 18th birthday while living in a state other than Colorado and turn 18 on or after January 1, 2023, they are eligible to continue coverage unless the Department later receives verification that the individual did not meet the eligibility criteria.

What does an eligibility worker do if the individual applying to Out of State FFCY provides documentation?

Documentation is not required, self-attestation is acceptable, and eligibility workers are encouraged to update CBMS to mirror all information received.

What if the individual provides verification of Out of State FFCY?

If the verification is sufficient to determine the individual’s status for Out of State FFCY coverage, update the radio button “Was this information confirmed by the other state?” according to the documentation received.

What is considered acceptable documentation of Out of State FFCY?

Here are a few examples of acceptable documentation Out of State FFCY, but (but not limited to): court or legal papers or other information issued by the child welfare agency documenting their status as formerly in foster care and collateral contact with the other state or child welfare agency. If the individual no longer has documentation, a statement from a former foster parent or a caseworker could suffice.



Can a Member who is approved later be terminated for Out of State FFCY Coverage?

Yes, if the Department or County receives sufficient verification that the member did not meet the Out of State FFCY requirements, then the member's case will be updated under the "Out of State FFCY questions" tab, and the selection for the question "Was this information confirmed by the other state" will be updated to "no" in CBMS. The member will then go through the Hierarchy to determine if they qualify for any other Medical Assistance programs, and if they do not, they will be terminated with a 10-day noticing.

Does Out of State FFCY offer retroactive coverage?

Yes, only if the member requests retro coverage. Retro coverage for Out of State FFCY is only available to begin January 1, 2023, forward. Members can not receive Out of State FFCY services before January 1, 2023.

Can members have other health insurance and Out of State FFCY coverage?

Yes, members are allowed to have other medical insurance. Health First Colorado Out of State FFCY coverage will become the secondary or last resort payer.

Will Out of State FFCY members receive a renewal?

Out of State FFCY, eligible members will not be sent a renewal and will remain eligible until age 26 unless they no longer meet eligibility criteria.

Because aging out of foster care is an anticipated change in circumstances affecting eligibility, the MA ex parte process will begin 3 months (90 calendar days), on the 12th of the month, before the individual turns 26. If the member is not approved during the MA ex parte process, then a renewal packet will be triggered with pre-populated information on file and request the necessary information needed to make an eligibility determination.

Some examples of Out of State FFCY no longer meeting eligibility criteria are if the member is no longer a Colorado Resident, the member is no longer requesting assistance, or the individual passes away.

Can individuals who report being adopted out of foster care while in the other state be eligible for Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care?

Adopted youth are not eligible for Out of State FFCY coverage. If the adoption failed and the individual meets all other requirements, they can be eligible for Out of State FFCY coverage.



Can Out of State FFCY apply for Medical Assistance for other members in their home?

Individuals who are applying with other members in their household, need to complete the full medical assistance application. The Department encourages individuals to complete the Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth Form and the Medical Assistance application. The Department requires the individual to add themselves to the Medical Assistance application because their income and resources may be used to determine eligibility for other household individuals.

Why should Out of State FFCY complete the Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth Form in addition to their Full Medical assistance application when applying for others in their household?

The Out of State FFCY questions have not been added to the full Medical Assistance application and will not identify the individual as an Out of State FFCY. The Health First Colorado Out of State Former Foster Care Youth Form will help eligibility workers identify that there is someone in the home that may be eligible for Out of State FFCY coverage.

Where are the resources for Out of State FFCY?

Yes, a policy memo can be found on the HCPF website under the “memo series” and an updated web based training for the existing “MAGI Categories and Special Circumstances.”

- [Memo Series](#)
- “[Entering Out of State Former Foster Care Member Information](#).” process manual in Train Colorado.

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