



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

SUBJECT: MEDICAID INFORMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

**PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE A NEW MEDICAID RESOURCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS WHO HAVE AGED
OUT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOSTER CARE**

The NC Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is committed to ensuring that all young people who age out of foster care from a local Department of Social Services experience optimal well-being. Through the Affordable Care Act, eligible young adults who fit in the “former foster care” group remain eligible for Medicaid until their 26th birthday.

Fostering Health NC, a program funded by NCDSS, has developed a resource document related to Medicaid health insurance for youth who may be aging out of foster care and young adults formerly in foster care. This Medicaid resource provides guidance on the right to health care coverage, and how to seek additional assistance. For more information, please scan the QR Code provided on the attached resource.

As a reminder, young adults may be eligible to receive a free cell phone through Assurance Wireless. Please visit <https://www.assurancewireless.com/> for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Ensuring Health for Young Adults Formerly in Foster Care

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