IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:  

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Beginning January 2014, the Affordable Care Act mandates that states must provide Medicaid coverage for individuals under age 26 who were in foster care and receiving Medicaid at the time they aged out.

The new Medical Assistance application for 2014 will allow individuals to indicate their status as a former foster care child when they apply for Medicaid. If the individual is not eligible for any other Medicaid coverage group, they will be enrolled in this new group. An individual can remain eligible in this coverage until age 26.

This important provision was actually suggested by a former foster youth serving as a congressional intern to Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), when the intern learned that the Affordable Care Act allows health insurance coverage under a parent's plan for their children up to age 26.

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