

Questions?
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How do I use my child's Foster Care Medicaid?

Foster Care Medicaid has the same coverage as BadgerCare Plus, but with no copays and no HMO enrollment.



Services covered by Foster Care Medicaid
dhs.wi.gov/badgercareplus/services.htm



Providers who take Foster Care Medicaid
forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/Public/DirectorySearch.aspx



Questions about Coverage
Call Member Services
1 (800) 947-3544



General Information
dcf.wisconsin.gov/medicaid

Foster Care Medicaid

Foster Care Medicaid describes all types of Medicaid provided by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It is sometimes called Title XIX Medicaid or "straight MA." Children and youth who receive Foster Care Medicaid include those placed in out-of-home care through a court order (such as with relatives or in a licensed foster home). It also includes those with an active Adoption Assistance or Subsidized Guardianship Agreement.

After children and youth leave out-of-home care, and after Adoption Assistance and Subsidized Guardianship Agreements end, Foster Care Medicaid doesn't end right away. Foster Care Medicaid coverage lasts another 3 to 12 months to give families time to find other health care coverage for their children.

To find out specifically when your child's coverage will end, call 833-543-5265, or reach out to a child welfare professional you have worked with, such as:

- An ongoing case manager from your county
- The individual completing your Subsidized Guardianship Annual Reviews
- Any Adoption Assistance Program staff

You will get a notice from ForwardHealth before your child's coverage ends. It will tell you how you can apply for another type of Medicaid coverage for your child.

Make sure to let DCF know if your address changes so you receive this notice. Call 833-543-5265 to report an address change.

Get answers to families' most common questions.

My child's doctor is confused because my child has Foster Care Medicaid even though they aren't in foster care anymore. How do I explain this?

Explain to your doctor that "Foster Care Medicaid" is the term used for all Medicaid provided by the Department of Children and Families. It doesn't mean that the child is in foster care, and it should not impact the way that they provide services to your child. They should not make assumptions about your family's circumstances based on the fact that your child has Foster Care Medicaid coverage.

If your child's doctor has questions, feel free to provide them the following contacts for more information:

- 833-543-5265
- DCFMedicaid@wisconsin.gov

While my child has Foster Care Medicaid, who do I contact if ... ?

There's an issue with my insurance billing.	ForwardHealth Member Services 800-322-3002
My child is also covered by private insurance, and there is an issue with billing.	
I want to know if Foster Care Medicaid covers a specific service.	
I need to report that my child is also covered by private insurance.	
I need a new copy of the Medicaid card.	
I need to report that my address has changed.	Department of Children and Families Medicaid Program 833-543-5246
I need to know what date my child's coverage will end.	
I want to disenroll my child from Foster Care Medicaid.	
I need to change or correct a name, date of birth, or social security number.	
I need to add or remove a parent from my child's ForwardHealth record.	
The wrong name for my child (e.g., pre-adoptive name) is listed on the ForwardHealth Record.	
My child's medical providers won't speak to me because I am not listed on the ForwardHealth record.	
My child's medical providers are saying that my child does not have active coverage.	
I have another question not covered here.	

Can I disenroll my child from Foster Care Medicaid before the 3- to 12-month window ends?

Yes. Call 833-543-5265 and ask to have coverage ended. Be prepared to provide your child's name and date of birth. You may be asked for additional information about your reason for disenrolling your child.

How do I get health insurance for my child once Foster Care Medicaid ends?

There are a variety of different ways to find health insurance for a child or young adult in Wisconsin. If you need additional support finding coverage, visit Covering Wisconsin at coveringwi.org.

BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid

To enroll in BadgerCare Plus or other Wisconsin Medicaid Programs, apply online at access.wi.gov or call your local agency. You can find your agency at dhs.wi.gov/im-agency.

BadgerCare Plus for Former Foster Youth

Youth who were in out-of-home care, under a Subsidized Guardianship Agreement (not an Adoption Assistance Agreement) or receiving court-ordered Kinship Care on their 18th birthday may be eligible for BadgerCare Plus until age 26. To enroll, apply online at access.wi.gov. For more information, contact the DCF independent living coordinator at DCFILCoordinator@wisconsin.gov.

Private Insurance

If the child's parents are covered by private insurance, the child can remain on that insurance plan until age 26.

Supplemental Security Income and Insurance

If a child has a disability that will prevent them from working as an adult, consider applying for Supplemental Security Income and insurance. The Social Security Administration has a tool to walk through eligibility options at ssabest.benefits.gov.

The Department of Children and Families is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need to access services, receive information in an alternate format, or need information translated to another language, please call the Division of Safety and Permanence at (608) 266-8787. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or speech disabled can use the free Wisconsin Relay Service (WRS) – 711 to contact the department.