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# OTHER BENEFITS FOR YOUNG ADULTS FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE

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## **Tuition and Fee Exemption §1009.25(2)(c)**

- Students within the Florida Public University System are exempted from tuition and fees at any public, Florida educational institution.
- Requirements for “tuition exemption”
  - Young adults who are or were in the department’s custody at 18
    - Do not need to be eligible for the Road to Independence Program
  - Young adults adopted from the department’s custody after May 5, 1997
  - Young adults who were in the custody of a relative under the relative care statute, when they turned 18
  - Young adults, in departmental custody, who spent 6 months in the custody of the department after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, and were placed in guardianship by the court.

## **Retention of Medicaid Eligibility §409.903(4)**

- A young adult who is eligible to receive Aftercare services, Transitional services or Road to Independence Program will retain Medicaid eligibility until the young adult reaches 21 years of age
  - Regardless of income, resources
  - No dependent on receiving other services
  - This category also includes a person who as a child was eligible under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for foster care or the state-provided foster care and who is a participant in the Road-to-Independence Program.
- Medicaid Website <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/medicaid.shtml>

## **Medical Assistance for Youth Formerly in Foster Care 65C-31.010 (3) F.A.C**

- Department is obligated to enroll specified young adults in Florida KidCare Program
- Must provide written documentation to the young adult about the program
- Young adult pays premiums
- Young adult must have turned 18 in licensed foster care and not yet be 19
- Those not eligible to enroll:
  - Has third party insurance (i.e. from employer)
  - Eligible for Medicaid
- List must include eligibility requirements, application procedure, and costs.

## **Continue to Live in Licensed Foster Care § 409.1451(5)(b)5e**

- If youth is eligible for Road to Independence Program then they shall be permitted to live in their licensed foster care or in another licensed foster home arranged by the department.
- Florida Housing Assistance Information available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/fl.cfm>