

2890 - CHILD WELFARE FOSTER CARE MEDICAID

POLICY STATEMENT	Child Welfare Foster Care (CWFC) Medicaid provides coverage to youth ages 18 to 21 who have signed back into foster care within six (6) months of exiting foster care and are receiving Extended Youth Support Services.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>Beginning March 2014, eligibility for any non IV-E foster care child under the age of 18 will no longer include the Child Welfare Foster Care Class of Assistance (COA). Eligibility for non-IV-E children and youth under age 18 must be determined under Right From the Start Medicaid/Child Under the Age of 19. If the child is financially ineligible for RSM provide the SSCM with a PeachCare for Kids® referral and PeachCare for Kids program information. If the child is financially ineligible for PeachCare for Kids®, process the application as Family Medicaid Medically Needy.</p> <p>A youth committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice or an agency of the Department of Human Services other than DFCS is ineligible for CWFC. Eligibility may be determined under RSM/Child Under Age 19, or if financially ineligible, PeachCare for Kids®. If the youth is financially ineligible for PeachCare for Kids®, eligibility may be determined under Family Medicaid Medically Needy.</p>
Basic Eligibility Criteria	<p>CWFC children must meet the following Basic Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 18 to 21 years • Receiving Extended Youth Support Services and in extended Foster Care • Application for other benefits, Reference Section 2210, Application for Other Benefits • Residency, reference Section 2225, Residency • Citizenship/immigration status Note: Individuals who were in foster care are exempt from providing additional documentary evidence of citizenship/immigration status/identity as long as in foster care in Georgia. • Enumeration • Third party liability, Reference Section 2230, TPL <p>NOTE: In 2014, policy was revised to reflect that all youth who reach the age of 18 will continue in extended Foster Care and receive Extended Youth Support Services. These youth are classified as CWFC beginning the first day of the following month after reaching age 18 if all financial and non-financial requirements continue to be met. Youth must choose to leave Foster Care after age 18 rather than choosing to remain in extended Foster Care.</p>

**BASIC
CONSIDERATIONS
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**Financial Eligibility
Criteria (cont.)**

CWFC children must meet LIM income and resource limits.

Refer to Section 2650, Family Medicaid Budgeting and Appendix A2, Financial Limits for Family Medicaid.

The child's eligibility for CWFC Medicaid is determined according to the child's circumstances in foster care. Income and resources of the parent(s) or other specified relative(s) are not considered.

All earnings of a child are disregarded regardless of the age of the child; therefore, the earnings of a child up to 21 are disregarded. Although the child's earnings are disregarded, the child's resources must be considered and applied to the resource limit. If the child's resources exceed the limit, he/she is ineligible for CWFC Medicaid.

**OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS**

CWFC Medicaid eligibility continues through the month in which the CWFC youth reaches age 21, if all financial and non-financial requirements continue to be met.

Eligibility for CWFC Medicaid is not determined for the month of placement if the child received Medicaid under another COA during that month.

A CWFC child is excluded from any LIM AU, even if the child is a minor parent.

PROCEDURES

Follow the steps below to determine Medicaid eligibility under CWFC.

Determine eligibility of the youth under all LIM basic eligibility criteria except living with a specified relative.

Determine all resources of the child and complete the budgeting process using the LIM resource limits.

If the youth meets all requirements, authorize CWFC Medicaid and send a SHINES NOC to notify the SSCM. Include in the notification the beginning date of Medicaid eligibility and the Medicaid recipient number.

Continue Medicaid eligibility through the month in which the CWFC youth reaches age 21, as long as CWFC youth continues to meet all requirements.

If the youth is determined ineligible for CWFC, complete a CMD prior to termination of Medicaid.

**BASIC
CONSIDERATIONS**

A Medicaid review is required every six (6) months.

If a CWFC youth under the age of 21 voluntarily leaves Extended Youth Support Services, upon receipt of notification and residential information, Rev Max will CMD the Medicaid case to Chafee Medicaid, reference Section 2818 – Chafee Medicaid.

Once a CWFC youth reaches the age of 21, Rev Max will CMD the case to Former Foster Care Medicaid upon receipt of notification and residential information, reference Section 2819 – Former Foster Care Medicaid.