



Frequently asked questions

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Questions about Eligibility

1. Do I have to have health insurance?

Yes. Starting March 31, 2014, the law requires everyone to have health insurance.

2. Is there health insurance for young people who were in foster care?

Yes. As of January 1, 2014, young adults formerly in foster care can access health insurance until their 26th birthday no matter how much money they make. In Arizona, this means that these young people can get special health care coverage through the Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI) program in AHCCCS (Arizona's Medicaid Program).

3. Am I eligible?

You are eligible for YATI if you meet the following criteria:

- Were in Arizona's foster care system on your 18th birthday
- Currently live in Arizona
- Meet citizenship requirements or qualified immigration requirements

4. If I meet the eligibility above, will I still be eligible if I returned to my family or was adopted after I turned 18?

Yes. You can still receive health insurance coverage under YATI regardless of living arrangements.

5. Is there a limit on how much money I can make?

No. It doesn't matter how much money you make. However, you may need to provide income information when applying for YATI to see if you are eligible for another AHCCCS health insurance program that could provide better benefits.



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6. If I aged-out from foster care in another state (not Arizona), am I still eligible to receive coverage?

Maybe. Only youth who aged-out from Arizona's foster care system when they turned 18 years of age are eligible for YATI. However, you may still be eligible for another AHCCCS plan or get coverage based on how much money you make. Go to www.211arizona.org/aca/ for a list of health care navigators that can help you find insurance options. Starting March 31, 2014, the government requires everyone to have health insurance.

Questions about Enrollment

7. How do I sign up to receive YATI ?

For most young adults currently in foster care, your case manager should help get you enrolled before your 18th birthday. Ask your case manager if they have not talked to you about this or you are not already enrolled.

8. What if I aged-out of foster care on my 18th birthday and I currently have YATI? How does my coverage extend until I turn 26?

If you already have YATI, no further action needs to be taken to remain eligible. You will continue to be eligible for YATI until you turn 26. However, you may get letters in the mail or via email from AHCCCS that you need to answer to stay enrolled. If you do not answer the letters or emails from AHCCCS, you may be dropped from YATI and may have to re-apply. No matter what, once you are eligible for YATI, you will remain eligible until your 26th birthday.

9. What if I aged-out of the foster care system at age 18, but did not enroll in YATI? How can I enroll now?

If you aged-out of Arizona foster care and are under 26 years of age, you can visit www.211arizona.org/aca/ for a list of health care navigators who can provide free assistance with eligibility and enrollment or you can call 2-1-1 from your phone and ask for health care assistance. You will be asked if you were in foster care and some documentation may be requested.

10. When is the deadline to enroll in YATI or other AHCCCS healthcare plans?

You can enroll in YATI at any time. There is no enrollment deadline for AHCCCS Healthcare Plans.