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## Health Insurance for Former Foster Youth

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You may qualify for a special health insurance program called Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI). This insurance gives you access to low or no-cost medical check-ups, prescription medicines, medical specialists, and doctor visits when you are sick.



If you are under age 26, were in Arizona foster care when you turned 18, currently live in Arizona, and are a U.S. citizen or meet qualified immigration requirements, YOU are eligible for YATI health insurance through Arizona's Medicaid program known as AHCCCS no matter how much money you make.



If you are currently in foster care and are close to your 18th birthday, you too will most likely be eligible for YATI once you turn 18. Your case manager should help you apply for YATI. If you are close to your 18th birthday and your case manager has not talked to you about this, ask him/her to help you apply for YATI.



If you are already enrolled in YATI, you will be eligible until you turn 26 (as long as you live in Arizona). Once you have YATI or any AHCCCS health insurance, make certain you give them any new address information if you move. 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 letters or emails from AHCCCS, you may be dropped from YATI and have to re-apply. No matter what, once you are eligible for YATI, you will remain eligible until your 26th birthday.



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If you are not already enrolled in YATI and are under 26, you can get help applying by going to [www.211arizona.org/aca/](http://www.211arizona.org/aca/) and making an appointment to talk to a health care navigator or just call 2-1-1 on your phone and ask for health care assistance.



To be eligible for YATI, it doesn't matter how much money you make or what your income is. However, you will still be asked money related questions because it is required for the health insurance application process.

You can apply for YATI at any time. There is no enrollment deadline.



If you are older than age 26, do not meet citizenship or qualified resident requirements, or did not age-out from foster care in Arizona, you may still be able to get free or low-cost health insurance based on how much money you make or your family situation. Go to [www.211arizona.org/aca/](http://www.211arizona.org/aca/) for a list of health care navigators who can provide free assistance with eligibility and enrollment or call 2-1-1 from your phone and ask for health care assistance.

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