

## Attention: Former foster youths

# A new health care option



### *Ways to sign up*

- Get an application online at: [adph.org/allkids/assets/Form291English.pdf](http://adph.org/allkids/assets/Form291English.pdf).
- To get help, contact the Medicaid eligibility worker at your county health department and say that you are a former foster child who aged out of coverage.
- Follow up by calling ALL Kids at 1-888-373-5437.

### *Once you're covered*

#### Things to take to your first doctor visit:

- Photo I.D.
- Health insurance card
- Complete list of your medications, including how much you take of each and how often
- Any questions you have for the doctor. Write them down so you don't forget.

If you are a young adult who aged out of the Alabama foster care system at age 18 and lost foster care Medicaid, you have a new option for health coverage. You can protect your health so you can concentrate on school, work and a good adult life.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides new Medicaid options for young adults who were in foster care in Alabama and received Medicaid at age 18 or 19 but have not yet turned 26.

#### **Who is eligible?**

Young adults ages 18 through 25 who:

- Were in foster care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or older
- Were on Medicaid while in foster care
- Are not currently enrolled in or eligible for another Medicaid program
- Do not have other health insurance coverage

#### **What does Medicaid cover?**

- Screenings and preventive checkups
- Diagnostic services / treatment for physical and mental health
- Immunizations and testing
- Dental/vision care, with some age restrictions

#### **Other useful information**

- When filling out the application form, be sure to answer question 15 to show that you are a former foster child who lost healthcare when you aged out at 18 or older.
- Once approved, you will get a new Medicaid card and new Medicaid number.
- Income limits do not apply.