

## Medical Coverage for Former Unaccompanied Refugee Minors

Former Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) are eligible for free health care regardless of income under the Former Foster Youth Medi-Cal Program.

You are eligible for free medical coverage under Medi-Cal if you:

- Were in the URM program in any state at age 18 or older;
- Are under age 26; and
- Currently live in California.

Benefits of enrolling in Medi-Cal as a former URM:

- Access to medical and dental care, vision exams, mental health coverage, and substance abuse treatment;
- Health care coverage until age 26; and
- Health care coverage regardless of income level. This means even as your income increases, you will still have access to this medical coverage.

How to Enroll:

- Contact your former URM program provider:
  - Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County - Sreela Mukherji at (408) 325-5146 or [smukherji@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:smukherji@catholiccharitiesscc.org).
  - Crittenton Services for Children and Families – Ana Eykel at (714) 680-8200 or [aeysel@crittentonsocal.org](mailto:aeysel@crittentonsocal.org); or
- The California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 654-4356 or [urm@dss.ca.gov](mailto:urm@dss.ca.gov).

To Enroll You Will Need:

- An approval letter from the Office of Refugee Resettlement showing you were eligible to enter the URM Program. Contact either your former URM program provider or CDSS if you do not have a copy of the letter.
- Form MC 250A: Application and Statement of Facts for an Individual Who Is Over 18 and Under 26 and Who Was In Foster Care Placement on His or Her 18th Birthday. Once you have completed this form, you can turn it in to your local county social services office in person, by fax, or by mail. You may also be able to apply over the phone by calling your local county social services office.
- You can also get help from the county office to fill out the MC 250A. If you were in URM foster care on your 18th birthday, make sure you tell the county worker.
  - The following URL address will link you to the form:  
[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/MCED/MC\\_Forms/MC250A\\_Eng.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/MCED/MC_Forms/MC250A_Eng.pdf) or  
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Pages/MCEDFormsMC200.aspx>

More Information About California's Former Foster Youth Program Under Medi-Cal:

- Here is the link to the Former Foster Youth website:  
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/FFY.aspx>
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for this program. We are updating the FAQs for the Former Foster Youth program:  
[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/FFY\\_FAQs.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/FFY_FAQs.aspx)
- If you prefer to discuss in person check the local phone book for the nearest office or visit:  
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx>
- All County Letter 16-03/All County Welfare Director's Letter 16-01: Foster Care and Medical Assistance for California's Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program gives instructions to the counties on how URM Medi-Cal is to be processed. All County Letter 16-03 can be found on the CDSS website at:  
<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-03.pdf>