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**FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILDREN (MFC)**  
**REVISED 11/01/2019- CHANGE NO. 15-19**

**Current Change Notice: 15-19**

- Former Foster Children policy has been relocated to MA-3233.
- Section IEM 13300, Former Foster Children policy has been removed from the IEM.

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**I. FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILDREN (MFC)**

Medicaid for Former Foster Care Children (MFC) is for individuals under age 26 who aged out of foster care in North Carolina and were enrolled in NC Medicaid at the time they aged out. Children who were in North Carolina Foster Care may be eligible for MFC when they do not fall into any other full Medicaid eligibility category. When a child ages out of foster care, IV-E and non-IV-E status are no longer applicable.

**II. APPLICATION**

Before placing eligible individuals, into MFC, evaluate for **all** Medicaid programs/categories, **excluding** Medically Needy (deductible must be met as of the :first day of the certification period) and Family Planning Program (FPP). Eligibility determination for MFC is without regard to assets or income through the month the individual turns age 26. If ineligible for a full Medicaid program category, evaluate for MFC if the individual indicates they were a former foster care child.

The caseworker may contact the social worker to verify if the individual aged out of foster care and was enrolled in NC Medicaid. The caseworker should also review the benefit history to determine if the child was enrolled in foster care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Once this has been verified:

**A. A signed application is not required.**

**B. The child must:**

1. Be up to age 26
2. Have been in foster care and aged out between ages 18-21 and enrolled in NC Medicaid.
3. **It is critical that former foster care evidence is entered into NC FAST to get the correct determination.**

**C. Evaluate eligibility for all full Medicaid programs following the hierarchy below:**

1. MAGI, excluding NCHC.
  2. MAF-M. Do not authorize as medically needy unless the deductible can be met as of the date of the application.
  3. Do not authorize FPP unless ineligible for all programs, including MFC.
- D. If eligible, authorize ongoing Medicaid eligibility for 12 months, send the appropriate notice
- E. If ineligible for a full Medicaid program, evaluate for MFC.
- F. No income or resource test is required to determine eligibility for MFC.
- G. If eligible for MFC, authorize for 12 months.
- H. Send the appropriate notice.
- I. Evaluate the retroactive period to determine whether there is a medical need.
- J. If eligible during the retroactive period, authorize Medicaid for 1, 2 or 3 months, as appropriate.

Refer to NC FAST Job Aid: [Former Foster Care Children \(MFC\)](#)

**III. RECERTIFICATION**

- A. A recertification must be completed at least every 12 months.
- B. Individuals must be evaluated for all other full Medicaid programs prior to being recertified as MFC.
- C. Evaluate eligibility for all full Medicaid programs following the hierarchy below:**
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- D. If eligible, authorize ongoing Medicaid eligibility for 12 months, send the appropriate notice
- E. If ineligible for all full Medicaid programs, evaluate for MFC.
- F. No income or resource test is required to determine eligibility for MFC.

G. If eligible, authorize for 12 months.

**H. Send the appropriate notice.**

**I. If ineligible:**

1. Terminate the Medicaid case.
2. Send the appropriate notice.

#### **IV. CHANGE IN SITUATION**

When changes are reported, evaluate and take the appropriate action.

**A. Individual turns age 26**

1. Evaluate eligibility for all other Medicaid programs.
2. Send the appropriate notice.

**B. Individual moves out of North Carolina**

1. Inform them that they must apply for Medicaid in the state in which they currently reside.
2. Terminate the Medicaid case.
3. Send the appropriate notice.