

Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) # 799

July 20, 2013

Subject **EXTENSION OF FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILDREN (FFCC) PROGRAM**

Effective July 1, 2013

Reference Medi-Cal Eligibility Information Letter (MEDIL) # 13-07

Purpose To provide staff with new regulations regarding the extension of FFCC coverage up to age 26, effective January 1, 2014, and instructions on implementing the provisions of Assembly Trailer Bill (AB) 82, this allows for partial implementation of the FFCC extension.

Background Currently individuals who were under the responsibility of the State on their 18th birthday, in receipt of Foster Care (FC) services under aid code 40, 42, 4C, or 5K, and are losing eligibility due to aging out of FC have their Medi-Cal coverage extended up to age 21. This extended coverage is also available to FFCC who turned 18 while in FC in another state and have subsequently moved to San Diego. This extended coverage is known as the FFCC program and beneficiaries are placed into aid code 4M.

Highlighted Changes FFCC beneficiaries losing eligibility due to aging out between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 will have their benefits extended up to age 26. **NOTE:** The extension of FFCC does not apply to beneficiaries who already reached age 21 and were discontinued prior to July 1, 2013.

Example 1: A FFCC beneficiary on 4M who turned 21 on June 6th that would have lost eligibility effective July 1, 2013, is eligible for the FFCC extension under AB 82 because the discontinuance from the program would have taken effect on July 1, 2013.

Example 2: A former FFCC beneficiary who received aid code 4M and turned 21 on February 4th that was discontinued effective March 1, 2013, applies for Medi-Cal on July 10th. This applicant is not eligible for the FFCC extension under AB 82 as he or she previously lost FFCC

eligibility prior to July 1, 2013. **NOTE:** Staff must evaluate the applicant for other Medi-Cal linkage.

Required Action

Staff who have override access must take the following steps to continue benefits for FC children who meet the criteria outlined in MPG 05.15.10.B and lost eligibility between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013:

Step	Action						
1	Rescind the discontinuance.						
2	Run EDBC.						
3	Override to the <i>Display Eligibility Summary</i> and <i>Display Individual Eligibility Summary</i> windows as outlined in How To #128 .						
4	Review printed correspondence						
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5	Document all actions in Case Comments						

Support and Monitoring

The [FFCC Reaching Age 21 Report](#) will support FRCs in identifying and ensuring the extension of Medi-Cal benefits for FC children reaching age 21 between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. The report will include a case list of all FC children reaching age 21. The report will be available in SharePoint the first week of every month.

NOTE: The [FFCC Reaching Age 21 Report](#) for June and July 2013 has been uploaded in SharePoint. Corrective Action Liaison's must ensure that the benefits for these FFCC are reinstated no later than Friday July 26, 2013.

Automation Impact

CalWIN functionality does not support the continuation of FFCC benefits to age 26. Staff must apply [How To #128](#) to Override to the *Display Eligibility Summary* and *Display Individual Eligibility Summary* windows.

NOTE: The override instructions are interim procedures, CalWIN functionality to continue FFCC benefits up to age 26 will be available January 2014.

Forms Impact FFCC Informing notice OCC 14-121 will be available at a later date. Notification regarding the availability of OCC 14-121 will be e-mailed to all staff.

ACCESS Impact No Impact

Imaging Impact No Impact

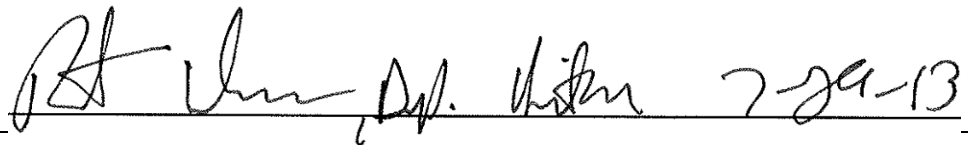
PA (CalFresh or CalWORKs) Program Impact No Impact

Quality Control (QC) Impact Effective with the August 2013 review month. QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

Summary of Changes The table below shows the changes made in the MPG cites.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 5, Section 15	• FFCC extended to up to age 26

Approval for Release



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05.15.10 Former Foster Care Children (FFCC)

A. The FFCC program allows Medi-Cal benefits to be extended for all ACWDL

Background

children who are in foster care under the responsibility of the State on their 18th birthday. Medi-Cal benefits will be extended as follows:

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00-61

Effective	FC children who meet the criteria outlined in MPG 05.15.10.B will have
October 1, 2000	benefits extended up to age 21
January 1, 2014	benefits extended up to age 26

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