



## New Law Gives Former Foster Youth FREE Health Care until Age 26!

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, you get FREE Medi-Cal coverage in California if you were in foster care in any state on your 18th birthday.

Be sure to say you are a former foster youth when you go to sign up!

### Do I Qualify?

- Were you in foster care in ANY state on your 18th birthday?
- Do you live in California now?
- And are you younger than 26?

**Then, YES, you qualify! Sign up today!**

### What's covered?

- Medical care
- Vision exams
- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental health services and counseling
- Dental care starting in May 2014

### Live in Santa Clara County? Here are 3 easy ways to sign up:

1. Meet with Social Worker Nicolas Castellanos during his drop-in hours at **The Hub** (591 N. King Rd., San Jose) on Wednesday afternoons.
2. Call Nicolas to meet at another time: **408-501-6889**.
3. Call the Foster Care Eligibility unit: **408-271-7400**.

Having trouble signing up? Not sure you were in foster care on your 18th birthday? Call the Foster Care Ombudsman at **1-877-846-1602** or email: [fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov).

**BE SURE TO  YES**

**WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE IN ANY STATE ON YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY?**

**YES**     **NO**

### 3 reasons you should sign up for Medi-Cal for former foster youth:

- 1 It's FREE:** You pay \$0 for health care. You get to save your money for school, rent, food, and other things you need.
- 2 No new application to fill out each year:** You sign up for Medi-Cal one time and stay covered until your 26th birthday.
- 3 More choices:** You can go to any doctor, clinic, therapist, or hospital that takes Medi-Cal.

