

9.22 FORMER WEST VIRGINIA (WV) FOSTER CHILDREN

The Affordable Care Act established a new categorically mandatory coverage group called “Former Foster Children” group. An individual may be determined eligible for this coverage group effective January 1, 2014.

A. THE ASSISTANCE GROUP (AG)

1. Who Must Be Included

Only the former WV foster child who was under the responsibility of the State and receiving Medicaid on the date of attaining 18 years of age, or the date they “aged” out of foster care, up to age 21, is included.

2. Who Cannot Be Included

Individuals 26 years of age or older

Individuals eligible for other categorically mandatory coverage groups

- SSI
- Deemed SSI
- Parents/Caretaker Relatives
- Pregnant Women
- Children Under Age 19

NOTE: Individuals eligible for both the WV Former Foster Children group and the Adult Group must be enrolled in the WV Former Foster Children group.

B. THE MEDICAID HOUSEHOLD INCOME GROUP (IG) AND NEEDS GROUP (NG)

No financial test is required. Former WV Foster Children recipients become eligible based on the requirement that they were under the responsibility of the State and receiving Medicaid on the date of attaining 18 years of age, or the date they “aged” out of foster care, up to age 21.