

Policy Clarifications Medical Assistance – All PMA-17038-850

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: PC 40 Eligibility Determinations

Question:

[OPS 13-12-03](#) states: "The ACA requires MA coverage for former foster care recipients who are under age 26 and who were in foster care while receiving MA at any time on or after their 18th birthday." Are youths placed in a Juvenile Detention Center or Youth Detention Center/Youth Forestry Camp considered potentially eligible for PC 40 as Former Foster Care recipients?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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No. The federal definition of foster care does not include a child placed in detention (or facilities that are primarily for the detention of children who are adjudicated delinquent), secure treatment facilities, psychiatric facilities, hospitals, and forestry camps. Youths placed in facilities coded 55, 56, 73 and 74, upon exiting placement between the ages of 18-21, should not be considered potentially eligible for PC 40.