

# DID YOU AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE IN TENNESSEE, OR ARE ABOUT TO?

If So, You May Qualify for Insurance Through the Affordable Care Act



Have you aged out of foster care? You may still be eligible for TennCare coverage until you're 26-years-old under the Affordable Care Act.

## INSURANCE BENEFITS Include:

- Screening, prevention and early intervention services
- Diagnostic services and treatment for physical and mental health conditions

## Am I covered?

- Did you age out of foster care? Or are you about to age out of foster care? As long as you continue to live in Tennessee, you will be automatically approved for TennCare insurance in the Former Foster Care category. TennCare may contact you if they need more information from you. If you moved from Tennessee and moved back, you'll need to reapply for coverage. Go online to [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov) and reapply.
- Did you age out of foster care? Are you receiving Extension of Foster Care Services? If yes, then you should contact your DCS case manager or TennCare to verify your status.
- Did you age out of foster care and are not receiving Extension of Foster Care Services? Were you denied TennCare coverage? Or do you need to reapply for coverage? If yes, then you need to apply for coverage through the health insurance marketplace. Go online to [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov) and complete an application.
- Did you leave state custody as an adult and weren't enrolled in TennCare? This could mean you were in a Youth Development Center? If yes, then you need to apply for coverage through the health insurance marketplace. Go online to [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov) and complete an application.

## How do I Apply?

To apply for coverage go online to [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov) and complete an application. If you don't have a computer or Internet access, go to a local DHS office and apply at a kiosk. To find a DHS office in your county go to <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices> and click "Office Locations" at the bottom of the page.

## How Do I Learn More?

Do you think you're eligible for TennCare coverage? Call your Regional DCS office and talk to the Health Care Advocacy Representative. If you already have TennCare coverage, you can call the TennCare Call Center at 1-855-259-0701. It's a free call. They're able to help you Monday through Saturday 7am – 7pm CST.

## Do you need help applying for TennCare coverage?

Keep reading. There's more information on the back of this page.

# Do You Need Help Applying for TennCare?

You must apply for TennCare coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. You can still use a paper application. But you also can apply online or by phone. To apply online go to [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov). To apply by phone, call 1-800-318-2596.

If you need to use a computer to apply for TennCare through the Health Insurance Marketplace, your local DHS office will have one you can use. To find a DHS office in your county go to <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices> and click "Office Locations" at the bottom of the page.

Do you want to apply for food stamps or other programs that DHS offers? Your local DHS office can help you.

Do you still need help applying for TennCare? Do you have questions? Do you need to tell TennCare about a change to your address, name, income, or household? Do you want to apply for TennCare CHOICES in Long-Term Care? Call the TennCare Call Center at 1-855-259-0701. It's a free call. They're able to help you Monday through Saturday 7am – 7pm CST.

## Do you need to report a change?

Do you need to report a change to your address, name, income, or the number of people in your household? State law says you must tell us about changes that may affect your TennCare. You must report these changes within 10 days of the change. Call the Tennessee Health Connection right away if:

- You move
- You change jobs
- Your family size changes
- Your income changes
- You get, or can get, group health insurance

## Do you want to apply for CHOICES (TennCare CHOICES in Long-Term Care)?

Call your Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD) at 1-866-836-6678. It's a free call. They can help you find out if you qualify for TennCare and CHOICES. Do you have TennCare now and want to apply for CHOICES? You can call your health plan for more information.

## Are you pregnant or need treatment for breast or cervical cancer?

Go to your local health department. They can help you get coverage. You can find a health department close to you in your local phone book. Or online at: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html>

## Do you have questions about TennCare?

Call the TennCare Call Center at 1-855-259-0701. It's a free call. They can help you Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST. Do you need to reach the Tennessee Relay Service (TNRS)? Call 1-800-848-0298, and give them the number 855-259-0701.

## Do you need help with this flyer?

Is it because you have a health problem, learning problem or disability? Or, do you need help in another language? If so, we can help you. Call the TennCare Call Center for free at 1-855-259-0701.

## Do you have a mental illness and need help with this flyer?

The TennCare Advocacy Program can help you. Call them for free at 1-800-758-1638.

## Do you need to contact us by mail or by fax?

By Mail: TennCare Call Center  
P.O. Box 305240  
Nashville, TN 37230-5240

By Fax: 1-855-315-0669

## Do you need help filing an appeal?

Do you need help filing an appeal for medical or behavioral health care? This includes mental health, alcohol, or drug abuse. Call the TennCare Solutions Unit at 1-800-878-3192. They can help you Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. If you have an emergency, you can call anytime.