



New Mexico Medicaid Coverage for Children in State Custody

Foster children/adolescents in the custody of the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) have health care coverage from the New Mexico Medicaid Turquoise Care program. Most foster children ages 0-18 will receive their services through Presbyterian Health Plan (PHP). Covered services are provided at no cost to Children in State Custody (CISC). **Native American CISC will be allowed to select from any of the four Turquoise Care health plans or remain in Fee-for-Service Medicaid.**

One Turquoise Care MCO for Most Children in State Custody

A single MCO will provide focused health care services to most CISC to improve health outcomes and to allow for a consistent experience for children and their families/caregivers.

With the single MCO, the Health Care Authority (HCA) will be able to monitor the MCO through CISC-specific Performance Measures (PMs) and Tracking Measures (TMs), including but not limited to:

- » Well Child visits,
- » Developmental screenings within first three years of life,
- » Use of concurrent antipsychotics in children and adolescents, and
- » Rate of CISC in out-of-state residential placements.

Health Care Coverage Options After Foster Care

Medicaid or Private Pay Insurance continue in the following ways:

- » When a child/adolescent returns to their natural parents*:
 - Medicaid: the child/adolescent will be covered by the parent’s MCO, if an application is submitted.
 - Private insurance: the child/adolescent can be added to the parent’s private insurance.
- » When a child/adolescent is adopted:
 - Medicaid: adoptive parents can apply for Medicaid. Some adopted children/adolescents may continue under an adoption Medicaid category of eligibility up to age 18.
 - Private insurance: adoptive parents can add the child/adolescent to their private insurance.
- » When an adolescent turns 18 years old and transitions out of foster care:
 - Medicaid: prior to the individual turning 18 who remains eligible for Medicaid, they will be issued a notice that informs them that they can choose any of the Turquoise Care MCOs.
 - When the child is returned to natural parents who already have Medicaid coverage the parent(s) must submit a Medicaid application to add the child/adolescent to their Medicaid case.

*Natural Parent refers to the individual(s) who had legal guardianship of the child prior to the child entering CYFD custody.

TURQUOISE CARE HEALTH PLANS	
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM www.bcbsnm.com/turquoise-care-welcome/	Molina Healthcare www.molinahealthcare.com/members/nm/en-US/pages/home.aspx
United Healthcare Community Plan of NM www.uhc.com/communityplan/new-mexico/plans	Presbyterian Turquoise Care www.phs.org/health-plans/turquoise-care-medicare