

# Comprehensive Healthcare for Foster Care

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY 16 TO 21 YEARS OF AGE AND IN TEXAS STATE FOSTER CARE, OR YOU AGED OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MEDICAID SERVICES, YOUR HEALTH CARE SERVICES ARE ABOUT TO IMPROVE!

## **It's the Law!**

Senate Bill 6 was passed and signed into law in 2005. This law required the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to develop a new health care delivery system. The new model will include children in foster care, young adults who choose to stay in foster care, and young adults who have left foster care but continue to receive Medicaid services.

## **How It Works.**

HHSC has chosen *Superior Health Plan Network* to provide and coordinate healthcare services for current and former foster youth in the state of Texas. By contracting with only one company, HHSC can help track your healthcare services and records to be sure you are getting what you need when you need it.

## **When Does It Start?**

HHSC will automatically enroll eligible youth in the new healthcare delivery model beginning August 2007, at which time you or your caregiver will have a chance to choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP). You will begin receiving services through the model on October 1, 2007.

## **What's Improved?**

- Children and young adults will begin receiving services as soon as they enter into state care
- A Primary Care Provider (PCP) will coordinate your health services to assist you, your caregivers, and caseworkers to get the services and information you need, and in a timely manner
- Providers that currently provide Medicaid services to children and young adults currently or formerly in foster care will be recruited
- A Health Passport will be available online to improve access to your health history
- A 7-day, 24-hour Nurse Hotline will be available for caregivers and caseworkers
- A Medical Advisory Committee will review the services your health provider is giving you to make sure you are getting what you need when you need it.

## **What's Next?**

In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information about this new healthcare system and details about what you will need to do.

You can find more information about this new health care delivery model on the following websites:

<http://www.texasyouthconnection.org>

<http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About/Renewal/CPS/medical.asp>

You will also be notified of any regional meetings in your area or other ways to learn more about this new healthcare delivery model.