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Overview

This bill extends medical assistance benefits to foster children until age 21.

Section

Foster children to age 21. Amends §256B.055, by adding subd. 2a. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner to enroll foster children in medical assistance if they are in the care and custody of the department or the county on their 18th birthday. Provides that these youth are to be certified eligible for medical assistance until age 21, and that reapplication is not required.

Paragraph (b) places the foster children on state-only funded medical assistance pending federal approval of the state plan amendment to implement paragraph (a).