

EFFECTIVE

April 1, 2012.

Subject

1) YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE

1. Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care new policy items.

FOM 722-16, FOSTER CARE – YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE

FOM 902-21, YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE (YAVFC) FUNDING AND PAYMENTS

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (PL 110-351) includes an option for states to extend foster care maintenance payments for 18-21 year olds who meet eligibility requirements.

To implement this option Michigan passed the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Act (2011 PA 225-230). By enacting this legislation, youth age 18-21 are now able to receive foster care services in two ways:

1. Youth who enter foster care prior to age 18 may continue to stay under court and/or DHS supervision up to age 20 pursuant to MCL 712A.2a. These services are provided under court jurisdiction and not considered voluntary.

Example: Former MCI wards up to 20 years old can continue to receive foster care services to age 20 under the former MCI program; see FOM 722-15, Foster Care - Case Closing and FOM 901-8, Fund Sources.

Example: Temporary Court Wards who were title IV-E eligible prior to age 18, but are expected to complete graduation requirements before age 19, may remain title IV-E eligible under the current FOM 902, Funding Determinations and Title IV-E Eligibility.

2. Youth who were in state-supervised foster care at the age of 18 or older may voluntarily elect to receive foster care services through DHS following the termination of court jurisdiction, until age 21. Because these services are provided without court jurisdiction they are considered voluntary. Young Adult Volun-

tary Foster Care (YAVFC) is the program, which the Department of Human Services is utilizing to implement this option.

Reason: Compliance with 2011 PA 435 (MCL 400.641-400.671).

Communication Plan: YAVFC Job Aid.

**MANUAL
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INSTRUCTIONS**

Added Items ...

FOM 722-16

FOM 902-21

Changed Items (content changes) ...

FOM 722-7