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The Affordable Care Act provides Medicaid up to age 26 to youth who “age out” of foster care.

EQUITY:
The ACA ensures former foster youth have health care just like young adults who can stay on a parent’s insurance until age 26.

2,500 - 5,500
Young adults exit foster care at age 18 or older each year in CA. Many lack a solid support network to navigate the transition to adulthood.

Over 18,000
former foster youth currently benefit from Medi-Cal. (Medicaid is called Medi-Cal in California)

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Former Foster Youth Voice

At 18, most young adults are gearing up for their first year in college or still getting on their feet and living with family. Aging out of the foster care system meant that I was taking complete responsibility for everything. Thanks to the ACA, health care was one less thing to worry about.

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