



Family Member Eligibility Fact Sheet Foster Child

Under Age 26

Is my **foster child** an *eligible* family member for **FEHB**?

Eligibility

Your foster child under age 26 is eligible for FEHB coverage. This means that:

- You must have a [parent-child relationship](#) with the child.
- You must be the child's primary source of financial support.
- You must live with the child and expect to raise the child to adulthood.

Example: You live with and support a child whose parents died and is a close relative of yours. This child qualifies as your foster child for FEHB.

Example: Your foster child turns 18 and moves into her own apartment. Since she doesn't live with you, she is not eligible for FEHB coverage on your plan.

Eligibility Documents

You must provide **all** of the following documents to prove eligibility:

- Certification of foster child status; and
- Documentation that shows you provide regular and significant financial support for the child such as:
 - State or Federal benefits programs listing the child as your dependent.
 - The first page of your most recent tax return listing the child as your dependent.
 - Canceled checks, money orders, or receipts for periodic payments from you for or on behalf of your child.
- Your child's official birth certificate.

Note: You may also include a copy of a court order naming you or your spouse as the child's legal guardian, if applicable.



This resource is for the purpose of providing general information about FEHB rules. It does not replace official guidance. The employing office will determine who is eligible and what evidence is acceptable. Additional information is available at [OPM.gov/healthcare-insurance/](https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/).