

FC-18 Information

What is the FC-18? The FC-18 is a contract between you and the Department of Health and Human Resources. It means that the Department will continue to provide financial assistance to you or your placement in exchange for working towards independence.

Does the FC-18 mean I am back in custody? No. As you are 18 and now an adult, the rules are different. You will continue to have a worker but should be afforded the freedoms of an adult. However, you will still need to respect your placement's rules.

Is the FC-18 voluntary? Yes. You can terminate it at any time and the Department can terminate it if you are incarcerated or fail to work towards independence.

When can I sign the FC-18? You can sign the FC-18 before your 18th birthday or any time up to the age of 20. The FC-18 can never be extended beyond the 21st birthday.

What about medical coverage? Medical coverage is available to former foster youth through the Affordable Care Act but it is different from the FC-18 medical coverage. ACA coverage might have co-pays and deductibles and the FC-18 medical card will not.

What else do I need to know? Take advantage of the support the FC-18 offers you. It is rough out there and being in placement or the MODIFY program is a lot better than being homeless.