



# Aging Out of Medicaid and Peachcare

## *What does aging out of Medicaid or Peachcare mean?*

If you are covered by low-income Medicaid or Peachcare, your coverage will end at the end of the month of your 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. For example: if you turn 19 on April 3, you will have Medicaid or Peachcare through April 30. On May 1, you will have no coverage.

## *How do I know if I have low-income Medicaid or Peachcare?*

You have low-income Medicaid or Peachcare if you are covered by a CMO like Peachstate, Amerigroup or Wellcare.

## *What if I have SSI Medicaid?*

SSI is a disability program through Social Security. People who receive SSI Medicaid are not part of a CMO. If you have Medicaid because you receive SSI, your Medicaid will not automatically end when you turn 19.

However, if you started receiving SSI as a child (someone 17 and younger), Social Security will review your case when you turn 18. You must qualify under the disability criteria used for adults. If you do not qualify under the new criteria, your SSI Medicaid and SSI checks will stop.

## *What do I do if I lose my Medicaid or Peachcare when I turn 19?*

- Get a job that offers health insurance benefits.
- Buy an individual health insurance policy through a company like Blue Cross Blue Shield or Kaiser Permanente.

- Buy health insurance through the new high-risk pool. Visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) for more information.
- If your mom or dad has health insurance at work, ask them to add you to their health insurance.

*Can I still come to Children's if I don't have Medicaid or Peachcare?*

Yes, but you will be responsible for your medical bills. When you are scheduling an appointment in the Aflac Center, you will talk to the financial counselor before your appointment. She will talk to you about any help you may be able to get for your medical bills.

*What else should I do if I know my Medicaid or Peachcare is going to end?*

Make sure you have enough of all of your prescription medicines. Refill your prescriptions before your Medicaid or Peachcare ends. Talk to your doctor about any medicines that you take. Find out if there are any cheaper medicines that work the same way. If you need medicine that you cannot pay for, there may be a way to get free medicine from the drug company. Look at one of these websites to see if there is a program for the medicines you take:

- [www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org)
- [www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com)