

Executive Orders and Administrative Policies Supporting Older Youth In and Leaving Foster Care in Response to COVID-19

State	Areas Covered	Date of Enactment	Duration	Related Materials
IL Executive Order	Section 4: definition of a “child” is suspended for the purposes of ensuring that youth 18 and older in foster care can continue to receive placement and services.	April 7, 2020	60 days following termination of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation	DCFS Letter to FCAA, April 6, 2020 (attached)
AK Executive Order	Suspends age requirements for foster care placement to allow 21-year-olds to choose not to age out.	April 9, 2020 (retroactive to April 8, 2020)	May 11, 2020	
RI Executive Order	Suspending age requirements for youth in extended care and aftercare programs to allow provision of services after a youth turns age 21. Eligible youth include youth who are participating in the programs (extended care and aftercare) as of Jan 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Services shall continue for up to 60 days after the termination of the state’s disaster declaration. The child welfare agency shall provide funds for this order through a request out of the general fund or any other available federal or state funds that may come available.	April 15, 2020	May 15, 2020 (order) Services can be provided up to 60 days after the end of the state’s disaster declaration.	
CA Executive Order	Older Youth Focused Elements are Highlighted Below Waiver of Resource Family Approval Program standards. Provision of temporary payment for care of youth in family based	April 17, 2020	Expires June 30, 2020	Guidance on extended foster care consistent with the EO.

	<p>settings at a rate that us up to a residential care rate.</p> <p>The Department may verify foster youth status for the purpose of facilitating foster youth access to programs providing cellular telephones or other communication technology to foster youth.</p> <p>Waiver of requirements for in person meetings and applications for approval of SIL settings.</p> <p>Waiver of State extended foster care eligibility for all youth entering or reentering extended foster care requiring any physical, in-person, face-to-face application, meetings, visits, and signature requirements.</p> <p>Suspension of the maximum age criteria for nonminor dependents who turn 21 on or after the date of this Order.</p> <p>Waiver of redetermination requirements for payments made pursuant to the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program,</p> <p>Waiver of visitation requirements.</p> <p>Waiver of timelines for, and the commencement of, an investigation of a proposed independent adoption.</p> <p>Waiver of other requirements for in-person certification, visits or inspections.</p>			
<p>GA Executive Order</p>	<p>Suspend definition of “child” (related to age) for the purposes of receiving services for 90 days after the termination of the Public Health State of Emergency. (Page 21).</p>	<p>April 23, 2020</p>	<p>Suspension applies until July 1, 2020</p>	

OH Executive Order	Suspending participation and age requirements for extended foster care.	April 23, 2020	June 2020	
IN	Permitting a continuation of the extended care program (collaborative care) for youth who turn age 21.	June 3, 2020	Until the end of the public health crisis	
CT Administrative Action by the Agency	Suspension of requirements related to extended care and Adolescent Services (participation and age requirements). Permitting extension of services and suspending actions to deny, reduce or end services.	April 21, 2020	Sept 1, 2020	
MI Communication Issuance by the Agency-issued weekly	Suspending participation requirements (work, school) for extended care. Making Chafee funds available for housing for youth who need to relocate due to school and work disruptions. Providing stipends to youth after reaching age 21.	Guidance issued weekly		
MD Memo from the Director of the state child welfare agency	Extending placement and services for youth in extended foster care who reach age 21.	April 7, 2020	June 2020	
NJ	Extending supports for youth past age 21. Extended services include: housing, life skills, and mentoring.		December 31, 2020	Policy listed on the Adolescent Services Section of DCF's website.
SC Memo from the Director of the Child welfare Agency	Suspending participation requirements (work, school, etc.) for youth under age 21. Suspending age requirements to allow youth who turn age 21 during the pandemic to remain in their placement and continue receiving services.	April 28, 2020	Until after the "pandemic has ceased."	
WI	Provides flexibility for youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice	May 7, 2020		It is noted that this

<p>Administrative guidance</p>	<p>system to stay un care past age 18 based on education.</p> <p>States that the state child welfare agency will provide funding for youth to remain in their placement after aging out if there are no alternatives.</p> <p>States that the state child welfare agency is developing plans to provide targeted funding for youth aging out.</p>			<p>document is not legal guidance.</p>
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