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Open Dependency						
Licensed Care	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	The state maintains legal custody under levels II – V foster home and child-caring agency (group home) licensure, and the caregiver may maintain legal custody under protective supervision under level I licensure.	The child is placed in a foster home or another licensed facility under DCF supervision and court-ordered jurisdiction.	Medicaid. CBCs pay for the medical expenses of children not eligible for Medicaid.	All levels of licensure receive a Foster Care Room and Board payment. The Foster Care Room and Board rates are set by §409.145(4) with annual cost of living increases for levels II-V. DCF provides additional funds provided for IL skills and negotiates enhanced rates for some caregivers. Medical and therapeutic homes receive funds through Medicaid. A \$200 monthly childcare subsidy is provided for any foster parent who has a child between the age of birth to school entry (ages 0-5) placed in their home, regardless of their program participation or licensure status, to pay toward the cost of an early learning or child care program. §409.145 (4).	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, note that students under 18 are also eligible. § 1009.25(1)(c)1.
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
	Parents retain rights unless those rights have been terminated.	DCF may modify Level II - V placement to a different licensed placement without a court order but must follow the provisions in § 39.4022, § 39.522 and § 409.1415(2)(b) 7. and 8. Level 1 placements cannot be modified without a court order.	If a young adult turned 18 while in out-of-home care and meets other eligibility criteria, Medicaid eligibility continues until age 26 under the Affordable Care Act and SUPPORT Act.		Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
					Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	Yes, if at age 18 was in licensed care for at least six months prior to age 18. § 409.1451(2)(a)2.
				Extended Foster Care (EFC)	Yes	
				Aftercare Support Services	No, however, young adults who are in EFC and receive PESS are eligible for emergency funds only § 409.1451(3)	
				Keys to Independence (K2I)	Yes. Eligibility continues while the young adult is in Extended Foster Care or receiving PESS. Otherwise, it ends six months after the young adult turns 18. §409.1454(4).	
Relative Caregiver Program	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Caregivers have legal custody under the protective supervision of the state.	The child is placed with a court-ordered relative under DCF supervision and court-ordered jurisdiction.	Medicaid. CBCs pay for the medical expenses of children not eligible for Medicaid.	DCF supports through TANF funds, per §39.5085, unless the child receives Social Security benefits, or the parents live in the home with the child. A \$200 monthly childcare subsidy is	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, §1009.25(1)(c)(1) or (2).
					Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No

	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?	provided for any relative who has a child between the age of birth to school entry (ages 0-5) placed in their home, regardless of their program participation or licensure status, to pay toward the cost of an early learning or child care program. § 409.145 (4).	Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No
	Parents retain rights unless those rights have been terminated.	Any interested person may seek a court order to move children placed in non-relative care but must follow the provisions in §39.522 and §409.1415(2)(b)7. and 8. Level 1 placements cannot be modified without a court order.	If a young adult turned 18 while in out-of-home care and meets other eligibility criteria, Medicaid eligibility continues until age 26 under the Affordable Care Act and SUPPORT Act.		Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
					Keys to Independence (K2I)	Yes
Non-Relative Caregiver Program	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Caregivers have legal custody under the protective supervision of the state.	The child is placed with a court-ordered non-relative caregiver under DCF supervision and court-ordered jurisdiction. § 39.6225.	Medicaid. CBCs pay for the medical expenses of children not eligible for Medicaid.	DCF supports through state funds, per §39.5085, unless the child receives Social Security benefits, or the parents live in the home with the child. A \$200 monthly childcare subsidy is provided for any non-relative who has a child between the age of birth to school entry (ages 0-5) placed in their home, regardless of their program participation or licensure status, to pay toward the cost of an early learning or child care program. § 409.145 (4).	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, §1009.25(1)(c)(1) or (2).
					Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No
	Parents retain rights unless those rights have been terminated.	Any interested person may seek a court order to move children placed in non-relative care but must follow the provisions in §39.522 and §409.1415(2)(b)7. and 8. Level 1 placements cannot be modified without a court order.	If a young adult turned 18 while in out-of-home care and meets other eligibility criteria, Medicaid eligibility continues until age 26 under the Affordable Care Act and SUPPORT Act.		Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
				Keys to Independence (K2I)	Yes	



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Permanent Guardianship						
Permanent Guardianship entered before 16	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Caregivers have legal custody.	The child is placed with a court-ordered permanent guardian under continued court jurisdiction. § 39.6225.	Medicaid - Guardian must complete an application for Medicaid. The child must meet Medicaid eligibility criteria.	Not guaranteed. Possible sources: Social Security benefits, child support, relative or nonrelative caregiver payments per § 39.5085, or cash assistance through TANF.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if remains in the guardianship until 18 or enrollment. § 1009.25 (1)(c)6.
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
	Parents retain rights unless those rights have been terminated.	The parent or guardian may seek a court order to dissolve the guardianship and reopen the case under § 39.621. The Department may also file a motion to re-open, dissolve, PG, and modify placement due to placement breakdown or child safety.	No, unless the young adult is independently Medicaid eligible.		Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
					Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No
					Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
			Keys to Independence (K2I)		Yes, if the youth was enrolled prior to guardianship, then will continue for 6 months. §409.1454(4).	
Permanent Guardianship entered between 16 and 18	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Caregivers have legal custody.	The child is placed with a court-ordered permanent guardian under continued court jurisdiction. § 39.6225.	Medicaid - Guardian must complete an application for Medicaid. The child must meet Medicaid eligibility criteria.	Not guaranteed. Possible sources: Social Security benefits, child support, relative or nonrelative caregiver payments per § 39.5085, or cash assistance through TANF.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if the child spent 6 months after age 16 in DCF custody or if remains in the guardianship until 18 or enrollment. §1009.25(1)(c)3. or 6.
					Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
			Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)		No	

	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	Yes, if the child spent at least 6 months (of the 12 months) in licensed care immediately preceding closing out Permanent Guardianship. §409.1451(2)(a)1.
	Parents retain rights unless those rights have been terminated.	The parent or guardian may seek a court order to dissolve the guardianship and reopen the case under § 39.621. The Department may also file a motion to re-open, dissolve, PG, and modify placement due to placement breakdown or child safety.	Medicaid eligibility continues to age 21, if eligible for IL benefits which include youth placed into guardianship after 16 if they had 6 months in licensed care in the 12 months prior to the placement in guardianship. §409.903(4)(a) and §409.1451(2)(a)1. Citizenship criteria must be met.		Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
					Keys to Independence (K2I)	Yes, if the youth was enrolled before guardianship, then will continue for 6 months. §409.1454(4).



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Guardianship Assistance						
Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) entered before 16	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Caregivers have legal custody under the protective supervision of the state.	The child is placed with a court-ordered permanent guardian under continued court jurisdiction. § 39.6225.	Medicaid continues to age 18 if citizenship criteria are met. §39.6225 and § 409.903(4)(c).	Yes, caregivers receive a guardianship assistance payment until the child's 18th birthday. The child may continue to receive Social Security benefits however the amount may be impacted by the GAP payment. Child Support may be received.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if remains in the guardianship until 18 or enrollment. §1009.25 (1)(c)6.
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
	Parents retain rights unless those rights have been terminated.	The parent or guardian may seek a court order to dissolve the guardianship and reopen the case under § 39.621. The Department may also file a motion to reopen, dissolve, PG, and modify placement due to placement breakdown or child safety.	No, unless the young adult is independently Medicaid eligible.		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No
					Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
			Keys to Independence (K2I)		Yes, if the youth was enrolled before guardianship, then will continue for 6 months. §409.1454(4).	
The Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) entered after 16	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Caregivers have legal custody under the protective supervision of the state.	The child is placed with a court-ordered permanent guardian under continued court jurisdiction. § 39.6225.	Medicaid - Guardian must complete an application for Medicaid to continue. The child must meet Medicaid eligibility criteria.	Yes, caregivers receive a guardianship assistance payment until the child's 18th birthday. The child may continue to receive Social Security benefits however the amount may be impacted by the GAP payment. Child Support may be received.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if the child spent 6 months after age 16 in DCF custody or if remains in the guardianship until 18 or enrollment. §1009.25(1)(c)3. or 6.
					Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	Yes, if meets the requirements of GAP and GAA signed after the youth turn 16. § 39.6225 (9).
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No

	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	Yes. § 409.1451(2)(a). But siblings who are added to a GAP and did not have 6 months in licensed care will not be eligible.
	Parents retain rights unless those rights have been terminated.	The parent or guardian may seek a court order to dissolve the guardianship and reopen the case under § 39.621. The Department may also file a motion to re-open, dissolve, PG, and modify placement due to placement breakdown or child safety.	No, unless the young adult is independently Medicaid eligible.		Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No, Per rule 65C-42.003 (1)(a). Except for those students receiving PESS are eligible for emergency funds. § 409.1451(3).
					Keys to Independence (K2I)	Yes, if either the youth was enrolled prior to guardianship, then will continue for 6 months. §409.1454(4).
Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP) after 18, if opted in at 16 or 17 on the Guardianship Assistance Agreement (GAA)	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	N/A. The child is over 18.	N/A. The child is over 18.	N/A	Yes, caregivers receive a minimum of \$333 a month until the young adult's 21st birthday. The young adult may continue to receive Social Security benefits however the amount may be impacted by the GAP payment.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if the child spent 6 months after age 16 in DCF custody or if remains in the guardianship until 18 or enrollment. §1009.25(1)(c)3. or 6.
					Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	Yes, § 39.6225(9).
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No. The child cannot be in EGAP and PESS. Youth who opt out of EGAP is eligible for PESS § 39.6225(5)(a).
	N/A. The child is over 18.	N/A. The child is over 18.	Medicaid continues to age 21 if citizenship criteria are met. § 39.6225(8) and (9) and § 409.903(4)(c).		Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
				Keys to Independence (K2I)	Yes, if either the youth was enrolled prior to guardianship, then will continue for 6 months. § 409.1454(4).	



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Adoption						
Adoption prior to 16	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Adoptive Parents have legal custody.	The child is placed with the adoptive parents or in a placement chosen by the adoptive parents.	Medicaid continues to age 18 if citizenship criteria are met. §409.903(4).	DCF may provide maintenance adoption subsidy payments to the adoptive parents on behalf of the child until the age of 18. The young adult may continue to receive Social Security benefits however the amount may be impacted by the subsidy.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if adopted after 5/5/97 - §1009.25(1)(c)5.
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
	No, adoptive parents have full parental rights.	Adoptions are permanent and children can only be removed through a voluntary or involuntary change in placement.	No, unless the young adult is independently Medicaid eligible.		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No.
	No, adoptive parents have full parental rights.	Adoptions are permanent and children can only be removed through a voluntary or involuntary change in placement.	No, unless the young adult is independently Medicaid eligible.		Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
Keys to Independence (K2I)					Yes, if either the youth was enrolled prior to adoption, then will continue for 6 months. § 409.1454(4).	
Adoption after 16	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	Adoptive Parents have legal custody.	The child is placed with the adoptive parents or in a placement chosen by the adoptive parents.	Medicaid continues to age 18 if citizenship criteria are met. §409.903(4).	DCF may provide maintenance adoption subsidy payments to the adoptive parents on behalf of the child until the age of 18. The young adult may continue to receive Social Security benefits however the amount may be impacted by the subsidy.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if adopted after 5/5/97 - §1009.25(1)(c)5.
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	Yes, if the initial adoption assistance agreement was signed by the adoptive parents when the child was 16 or 17 years old. § 409.166(4)(d).
	No, adoptive parents have full parental rights.	Adoptions are permanent and children can only be removed through a voluntary or involuntary change in placement.	Medicaid eligibility continues to age 21 for youth adopted after 16 if they had 6 months in licensed care in the 12 months before the adoption if citizenship criteria are met. § 409.903(4)(a) and §409.1451(2)(a)1.		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	Yes. If the child spent at least 6 months (of the 12 months) immediately preceding the adoption in foster care. § 409.1451(2)(a)1.
	No, adoptive parents have full parental rights.	Adoptions are permanent and children can only be removed through a voluntary or involuntary change in placement.	Medicaid eligibility continues to age 21 for youth adopted after 16 if they had 6 months in licensed care in the 12 months before the adoption if citizenship criteria are met. § 409.903(4)(a) and §409.1451(2)(a)1.		Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No per rule 65C-42.003 (1)(a). For students eligible for PESS the rule's limit contravenes § 409.1451(3) which has no such limitation.
Keys to Independence (K2I)					Yes, if either the youth was enrolled prior to adoption, then will continue for 6 months, or if the young adult is receiving PESS. § 409.1454(4).	

Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS) after 18, if opted in at 16 or 17 on the Adoption Assistance Agreement	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	N/A. The child is over 18.	N/A. The child is over 18.	N/A.	Medical insurance after age 18?	DCF is to continue to provide adoption subsidy to the adoptive parents on behalf of the young adult until the age of 21. The young adult may continue to receive Social Security benefits. However, the amount may be impacted by the subsidy.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver
Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	N/A.	Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)			No
N/A. The child is over 18.	N/A. The child is over 18.	Medicaid eligibility continues to age 21 if citizenship criteria are met. § 409.166(4)(d) and § 409.903(4)			Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	Yes, if the initial adoption assistance agreement was signed by the adoptive parents when the child was 16 or 17 years old. § 409.166(4)(d).
					Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	The child cannot be in EMAS and PESS. Youth who opt out of EMAS can go on PESS if they spent at least 6 months (of the 12 months) immediately preceding the adoption in foster care. § 409.166(4)(e).
					Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
					Keys to Independence (K2I)	Yes, if the youth was enrolled prior to adoption, then will continue for 6 months. § 409.1454(4).



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Reunification/Emancipation						
Reunification with a parent	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	The parent has legal custody.	With the parents or in a placement chosen by the parents as authorized by the court. DCF supervision ends when the court closes the case.	No, unless the child is independently Medicaid eligible.	Financial support may come through Social Security or child support.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if after reaching 14 years old spent 18 months in out of home care before reuniting with the parent before reaching 18. § 1009.25(1)(c)4.
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
	Yes	Reunification with a parent includes six-month post-placement supervision prior to closure. A placement change would require a motion under section 39.522, F.S., or shelter.	No, unless the young adult is independently Medicaid eligible.		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No.
					Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
			Keys to Independence (K2I)		Only if the child was enrolled prior to reunification, then will continue for 6 months after reunification. §409.1454(4).	
Emancipation	Who has custody?	Where is the child placed?	Medical insurance up to age 18?	Financial support for caregivers?	Post-18 Resources	
	No one has custody.	N/A	No, unless the child is independently Medicaid eligible.	The child is expected to support themselves.	Tuition and Fee Exemption Waiver	Yes, if the child was in out-of-home care when he or she reached 18. § 1009.25(1)(c)1.
	Do parents retain rights?	How can this placement be changed?	Medical insurance after age 18?		Extension of Guardianship Assistance Program (EGAP)	No
					Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)	No
	No	Emancipated children are free to choose their own living arrangements.	No, unless the young adult is independently Medicaid eligible.		Post-Secondary Educational Support Services (PESS)	No
					Extended Foster Care (EFC)	No
					Aftercare Support Services	No
			Keys to Independence (K2I)		No	