

Date

YOUTH:

Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City, State, ZIP

Dear _____ :

The Department of Health and Human Services is required to conduct reviews on youth who are receiving adoption subsidy benefits at age 17.5. This review is designed to determine continued eligibility of adoption subsidy/medical benefits into adulthood. Your youth may qualify for adoption subsidy/medical benefits up to age 21 if the eligibility criteria is met.

Eligibility for continued subsidy to the age of 21 is based on the youth's physical, intellectual, or mental health disability. The documentation of disability must be diagnosed by a physician, a qualified mental health professional, or a qualified intellectual disability professional as defined in Iowa Administrative Code 441-201.5(5)(a). Documentation of the eligibility **must be current** within one year of your youth's 18th birthday.

A disability is more than having a diagnosed condition. A disability is a condition that is severe enough to prevent the youth from living independently, completing high school, acquiring and keeping a job, or performing daily living skills. A disability requires the youth to need ongoing adult support in one or more areas of their life. Documentation will need to include how the condition impairs a major life function. The medical professional who provides the diagnostic information will also need to outline how this impacts the youth's daily life and functions.

If this documentation is not received prior to the youth turning age 18, a Notice of Decision will be sent informing you of the termination of adoption subsidy payments and adoption subsidy medical. If you have questions regarding your medical eligibility, please call Iowa Medicaid Member Services 1-800-338-8366.

PLEASE NOTE: A youth enrolled in high school without a qualifying disability does not meet eligibility criteria for ongoing adoption subsidy.

Sincerely,
Name