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Dear ****,

The transition services which Gateways provides are funded through Medicaid. In order for your son/daughter to continue to receive transition services through Gateways, you need to apply for Adult Medicaid with your son/daughter.

We require students going through the transition from high school to adult services to apply for Medicaid, Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD) by age 18.5. As a reminder, it can take a minimum of 90 days to obtain Medicaid.

Medicaid is a joint program between the Federal and State governments to fund health and social services. Gateways Community Services relies on Medicaid reimbursement to pay for all transition services which includes Family Support Service Coordination.

If you are currently receiving Healthy Kids Gold or Silver, Home Care for Children with Severe Disabilities (HC-CSD) (Katie Beckett), you **must** still apply for APTD Medicaid when your son/daughter is 18.6 years old, prior to your services ending at 19 years old.

Family Support Service Coordination provides support and resources during the transition process into adult services, which includes; transition planning, vendor fairs, transition workshops, assistance with various benefits paperwork and assistance with guardianship paperwork, etc.

Long term funding may only be available to those participants who are 21 years or older who have Medicaid and have identified a service plan with a Service Coordinator. Funds for long term services are subject to availability. See reverse for additional information on what Medicaid means to you.

It is important that you keep your son/daughter's Medicaid active. If you son/daughter's Medicaid becomes inactive it is your responsibility to let your Family Support Service Coordinator know. You will have 30 days from the time of notification to reapply for Medicaid and show documentation from the Medicaid office that you have reapplied. If you have not reapplied your transition services from Gateways Family Support Service Coordination will no longer be available.

If you have any questions and need further information or require help with filling out the required application, please speak with your Gateways Community Services, Family Support Service Coordinator at 882-6333 or the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) 19 Chestnut Street, Nashua, NH 03060, at 883-7726.