Answer: Yes, as the youth was still in foster care and receiving payment benefits on January 1, 2012, he is eligible for a SILP. However, since he is already living on his own, the living arrangement is not eligible until the county assesses the NMD as ready for a SILP and the actual residence is approved as a SILP. Once the SILP is finalized, the NMD can receive the basic foster care rate for a SILP. The NMD would be in the realigned "State Foster Care" program.

Since non-federal foster youth placed with an approved relative receiving CalWORKS benefits are dependents, and are considered in foster care, they are eligible for all placement options. Keep in mind, the intent is to avoid placing young adults in a more restrictive environment such at THP-Plus-FC, unless that is the most appropriate placement. The young adult should be in the least restrictive environment and provided with a continuum of care.

If dependency was terminated prior to the NMD leaving the home of the relative, the young adult would have to re-enter foster care to be eligible. That would mean the young adult may then be federally eligible as a child only eligibility determination. For re-entry cases, the IV-E eligibility is based solely on the young adult's income and assets (see ACL 12-12 regarding re-entry).