

The Affordable Care Act

Addressing the unique health needs of adolescents



Over **42 million** adolescents ages 10-19 (**14%** of all Americans) live in the United States.¹



An estimated **9.8%** of adolescents ages 12-17 lack health insurance and **4.7%** have no usual source of health care.²

The law requires all states to cover children up to age 19 with family incomes below 133% of the FPL* through the Medicaid program.

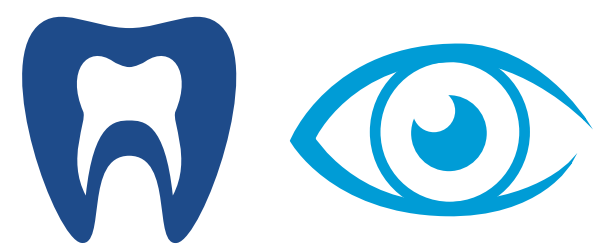


The Affordable Care Act will improve health and access to health care for adolescents



Adolescent vaccination rates **increased from 2006 to 2011**, although the rate of increase differed by vaccine.⁴

The law requires coverage of many preventive services for adolescents, including immunizations, with no co-pay.



An estimated **19%** of adolescents ages 12-17 had oral health problems in the past 12 months and **2%** had vision problems.³

The law requires many plans to cover ten categories of health benefits, including pediatric dental and vision services for children up to age 19.

The Health Care Law Protects Adolescents

- ▶ Children under 19 cannot be denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition
- ▶ Children who were in foster care are generally eligible for Medicaid until age 26
 - ▶ Young adults can stay on their parent's health insurance plan until age 26
- ▶ Starting January 2014, annual and lifetime limits on essential health benefits are prohibited

More choices. More control. Better health.

An important part of the law is the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Starting January 1, 2014, the Health Insurance Marketplace will provide private health insurance coverage for adolescents not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and without access to affordable employer coverage. Families of four with a household income between \$23,550-94,200 (or for individuals, \$11,490-45,960) will get a break on costs. Families will be able to find insurance that fits their needs and budget—all in one place.

Learn more about the law at **HealthCare.gov**
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More information on adolescents and the Affordable Care Act can be found at http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2013/Adolescents/rb_adolescent.cfm

For more information on adolescents visit the Office of Adolescent Health Website <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/>

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* Federal Poverty Level