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

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 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.

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The Affordable Care Act 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

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

SOURCES

* Federal Poverty Level

42 MILLION