



Young Adult Health Care Survey (YAHCS) FAST FACTS

Description of the Survey	The Young Adult Health Care Survey (YAHCS) is a 54-item teen survey that assesses whether young adults (aged 14 and older) are receiving nationally-recommended preventive services. The YAHCS can be administered by mail or phone. We are developing another version of the tool that can be administered online. To date, nearly 10,000 YAHCS surveys have been collected and analyzed.
Quality of Care Assessed	Nine quality measures of quality care can be gathered and scored using YAHCS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Preventive screening and counseling on risky behaviors❖ Preventive screening and counseling on sexual activity and STDs❖ Preventive screening and counseling on weight, healthy diet and exercise❖ Preventive screening and counseling on emotional health and relationship issues❖ Private and confidential care❖ Helpfulness of counseling❖ Communication and experience of care (derived from Draft Adolescent CAHPS®)❖ Health Information❖ Global quality measure assessing how many teens received all the components of care measures in the YAHCS
Additional information useful for quality improvement	The YAHCS gathers information useful for quality improvement and community assessment, including questions about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Teen health (items derived from the CHIP-AE© about health status and exercise)❖ Teen participation in risky behaviors (items derived from the Center for Disease Control's Youth Behavior Surveillance Survey)❖ Teen's health care utilization (last regular or routine care visit, place of regular or routine care, whether the teen filled out a checklist about his/her health at the health care provider's office)❖ Access issues (problems getting necessary care)
How has it been used?	A number of states and health plans have used the YAHCS, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Five health plans (four in California, one in New York) as part of their quality improvement projects.❖ The state of Washington as part of its Medicaid quality improvement efforts. The state did sampling at a county-level and analysis at the health plan level.❖ Florida, as part of its KidCare evaluation, conducted by the Institute for Health Care Policy.❖ The Department of Medicaid Managed Care in New York to inform quality improvement activities for teens and to explore the possible use of the YAHCS for quality assurance reporting.❖ Datastat implemented the YAHCS for California's Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) to assess the quality of care provided to teens in the S-CHIP program in 21 health plans.❖ The Maternal & Child Health Policy Research Center will be using the YAHCS benchmark database as part of an issue brief focused on the current state of care and opportunities for strengthening Medicaid/SCHIP benefits for adolescents
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