

A Policy Analysis of Preventative Health for Adolescents with MassHealth Insurance

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Adolescent well visits

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- Adolescent well visits are supported as meaningful in the literature.
- Adolescent preventative care is underutilized.
- High utilization of specialty services.

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Healthcare coverage in Massachusetts has been at the forefront of national healthcare reform since 1997.
2006 - Massachusetts boosted coverage to almost achieve universal healthcare coverage for low income Massachusetts families.
2010 – Adoption of the Affordable Care Act.

Framework



The Morestin Health Equity Framework (Morestin, 2010)

The Bardach Eightfold Policy Problem-Solving Framework (Bardach, 2000)

Policy Analysis objectives

Objective 1	Objective 2	Objective 3	Objective 4
Current status of healthcare engagement of adolescents between the ages of 10–19-years in Massachusetts	Determine the time frame required to make an appointment for preventative services, which will look at physician supply for anticipated needs, provider acceptance of Medicaid insurance	Determine the current practice of well visits offered to low-income adolescents covered by MassHealth	Determine if culturally sensitive care is provided in practice settings to provide the best healthcare experience to minority and immigrant adolescents

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