AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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HOW THE HEALTH CARE LAW BENEFITS YOUNG ADULTS AND CHILDREN

YOUNG ADULTS

- Allows young adults to stay on their parents' health plans up to their 26th birthday. 6.6 million young adults have already taken advantage of the law to obtain health insurance through their parents' plan, of whom 3.1 million would be uninsured without this coverage.
- Provides access to quality coverage to the millions of young adults without access to affordable job-based plans, in the new Marketplaces. Currently, young adults are the most uninsured group. About two-thirds of uninsured young single adults can find coverage in the Marketplaces for \$100 or less a month.
- For young adults in new private plans, provides free coverage of key preventive services.
- Bans insurance companies from dropping young adults when they get sick or have an accident.

CHILDREN

- Provides access to quality coverage for millions of children, in the new Marketplaces. Currently, there are 6.6 million American children without any health insurance.
- Prohibits insurers from denying coverage to children under age 19 for having a
 "pre-existing condition." Up to 17 million children with pre-existing conditions
 are now protected from discrimination.
- For children in new private plans, provides free coverage of key preventive services, such as immunizations.