What’s the Truth about Young Adult Coverage?

The federal government claims 2.5 million young adults gained new health insurance coverage under Obamacare. The law requires health insurance plans to allow 18 to 25 year old children to be added to their parent’s plan.

However, The Wall Street Journal says the government survey didn’t ask these young adults how they obtained coverage. The government researchers just assumed that it’s from Obamacare.

Well, that’s handy, but we don’t really know. What we do know is that 19 states have lost inexpensive child-only policies as a result of this Obamacare requirement, eliminating an inexpensive option for young adults, tying adult children to the parents, and forcing parents to pay higher premiums for their own coverage.

Sources:

“New Data: Affordable Care Act helps 2.5 million additional young adults get health insurance” press release, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, December 14, 2011.