

Few receive all high-priority clinical preventive services

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(HealthDay)—Only 8 percent of U.S. adults aged 35 years and older

receive all high-priority clinical preventive services, according to a report published in the June issue of *Health Affairs*.

Amanda Borsky, Dr.P.H., from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in Rockville, Md., and colleagues examined receipt of 15 high-priority clinical preventive services among 2,186 U.S. adults aged 35 years and older.

The researchers found that 8 percent of U.S. adults received all of the recommended high-priority, appropriate clinical preventive services. There were no significant differences by sex or age for the composite measure. Overall, 22.4 and 16.3 percent of people received 76 to 100 percent and 0 to 25 percent of their recommended preventive services, respectively. The likelihood of receiving only 0 to 25 percent of services was increased for men versus women (21.9 versus 11.3 percent). Overall, 4.7 percent of [adults](#) received none of the recommended services, with men more likely to receive no services than women (7.3 versus 2.4 percent).

"Improvement requires system-level innovation, including population data analysis, useful clinical decision support, and optimal use of the entire health care workforce," the authors write.

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