

## Morning Consult/PhRMA Tracking Poll – July 26-29, 2021

- When it comes to your health insurance options, how concerned are you about each of the following?
  - Being able to pay the deductible before insurance starts to cover costs
    - 28%, Very concerned
    - 29%, Somewhat concerned
    - 19%, Not too concerned
    - 17%, Not at all concerned
    - 6%, Not sure
  - The deductible increasing and getting more expensive each year
    - 37%, Very concerned
    - 31%, Somewhat concerned
    - 14%, Not too concerned
    - 13%, Not at all concerned
    - 6%, Not sure
  - The deductible increasing more than my salary or earnings increase
    - 33%, Very concerned
    - 27%, Somewhat concerned
    - 17%, Not too concerned
    - 15%, Not at all concerned
    - 8%, Not sure
  - Insurance not helping with unexpected costs (e.g. urgent care or emergency room)
    - 35%, Very concerned
    - 30%, Somewhat concerned
    - 17%, Not too concerned
    - 13%, Not at all concerned
    - 5%, Not sure
  - Insurance not helping with certain services, medicines or expenses
    - 36%, Very concerned
    - 32%, Somewhat concerned
    - 14%, Not too concerned
    - 12%, Not at all concerned
    - 5%, Not sure
  - Going into debt or bankruptcy because of health care expenses
    - 30%, Very concerned
    - 25%, Somewhat concerned
    - 20%, Not too concerned
    - 19%, Not at all concerned
    - 6%, Not sure
  - Not knowing what my insurance will and will not cover
    - 32%, Very concerned
    - 29%, Somewhat concerned
    - 20%, Not too concerned

- 14%, Not at all concerned
    - 5%, Not sure
  - The insurance company second-guessing me and questioning charges
    - 30%, Very concerned
    - 28%, Somewhat concerned
    - 19%, Not too concerned
    - 15%, Not at all concerned
    - 8%, Not sure
- How much do you agree or disagree with the following?
  - Too often insurance plans nickel-and-dime consumers, when they should be trying to help
    - 38%, Strongly agree
    - 37%, Somewhat agree
    - 10%, Somewhat disagree
    - 6%, Strongly disagree
    - 9%, Not sure
- Below are some ideas to improve health insurance coverage. How much do you support or oppose each proposal?
  - Place a cap on the amount health insurers can make patients pay out of pocket for their deductibles, copays and other out of pocket costs
    - 52%, Strongly support
    - 29%, Somewhat support
    - 6%, Somewhat oppose
    - 3%, Strongly oppose
    - 10%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Ensure that deductibles are lower and more affordable so that insurance kicks in earlier when you need to use it
    - 53%, Strongly support
    - 31%, Somewhat support
    - 5%, Somewhat oppose
    - 2%, Strongly oppose
    - 9%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Increase transparency and predictability in health care so that people know how much they will pay for things
    - 57%, Strongly support
    - 29%, Somewhat support
    - 4%, Somewhat oppose
    - 3%, Strongly oppose
    - 8%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Require health insurance companies to pass along to patients more of the discounts on prescription medicines that they negotiate with pharmaceutical companies
    - 56%, Strongly support
    - 30%, Somewhat support

- 3%, Somewhat oppose
- 2%, Strongly oppose
- 9%, Don't know/no opinion

**Methodology:**

This poll was conducted between July 26-July 29, 2021 among a sample of 1993 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Registered Voters based on gender, age, educational attainment, race, marital status, home ownership, race, educational attainment, 2020 presidential vote, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

**Morning Consult/PhRMA Tracking Poll – July 29-31, 2021**

- From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? You may select up to two.
  - Out of pocket costs not covered by your insurance, such as copays, deductibles and out-of-network charges
    - 27%, Selected
    - 73%, Not selected
  - The cost of health insurance premiums
    - 29%, Selected
    - 71%, Not selected
- How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
  - Congress needs to focus on common-sense health care reforms that help patients get care and save money.
    - 48%, Strongly agree
    - 35%, Somewhat agree
    - 5%, Somewhat disagree
    - 3%, Strongly disagree
    - 10%, Don't know/no opinion
  - We should keep the current law that prohibits government interference in Medicare plan negotiations, because it protects seniors and people with disabilities from losing access to their medicines
    - 32%, Strongly agree
    - 30%, Somewhat agree
    - 10%, Somewhat disagree
    - 7%, Strongly disagree
    - 22%, Don't know/no opinion
- Below are some policies that the President and U.S. Congress could pursue to address prescription drug costs. For each one, please indicate whether you favor or oppose the policy.
  - Require Medicare Part D insurance plans to set a maximum limit for what seniors pay out of pocket for prescription medicines in each year
    - 54%, Favor – strongly
    - 23%, Favor – not strongly

- 7%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 3%, Oppose – strongly
  - 13%, Don't know/no opinion
- Place a cap on the amount health insurers can make patients pay out of pocket for their deductibles, copays and other out of pocket costs.
  - 56%, Favor – strongly
  - 19%, Favor – not strongly
  - 7%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – strongly
  - 15%, Don't know/no opinion
- Give health insurers more incentives to keep costs of health plans manageable for people who are sick and take prescription medicines.
  - 52%, Favor – strongly
  - 28%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 3%, Oppose – strongly
  - 12%, Don't know/no opinion
- Ensure that deductibles are lower and more affordable so that insurance kicks in earlier when you need to use it.
  - 60%, Favor – strongly
  - 23%, Favor – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 2%, Oppose – strongly
  - 11%, Don't know/no opinion
- Require health insurance companies to pass along to patients more of the discounts on prescription medicines they negotiate with biopharmaceutical companies.
  - 62%, Favor – strongly
  - 21%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 2%, Oppose – strongly
  - 10%, Don't know/no opinion

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