

## National Tracking Poll

Project: 160403

N Size: 1975 Registered Voters

Margin of Error:  $\pm 2\%$

April 08-11, 2016

### Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PC1	<i>Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?</i>		
	Plan through your/your spouses employer	603	35%
	Plan through your parent or guardian	85	5%
	Plan you purchased by yourself	189	11%
	Medicare	517	30%
	Medicaid	221	13%
	Military or veterans benefits	67	4%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	46	3%
PC2	<i>Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	Doctors and patients should be able to decide on the best course of treatment, without the government interfering	1608	81%
	The government should provide financial incentives to doctors to prescribe treatments to patients that it believes are the most valuable	227	11%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	140	7%
PC3	<i>Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	Medicare reforms should support a move toward patient-centered health care by giving physicians and patients support and information to choose the care that best meets their needs. This is the best way to support better health care.	1598	81%
	Medicare reforms should give the government more power to decide which treatments are valuable for patients. This is the only way to control health care costs.	166	8%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	211	11%
PC4_INET	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Health care decisions should be made between doctors and their patients</i>		
	Total agree	1823	92%
	Total disagree	93	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	59	3%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PC4_1	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Health care decisions should be made between doctors and their patients</i>		
	Strongly agree	1536	78%
	Somewhat agree	287	15%
	Somewhat disagree	69	3%
	Strongly disagree	24	1%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	59	3%
PC4_2NET	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Doctors can be trusted to make the best treatment decisions for their patients</i>		
	Total agree	1592	81%
	Total disagree	314	16%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	69	3%
PC4_2	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Doctors can be trusted to make the best treatment decisions for their patients</i>		
	Strongly agree	752	38%
	Somewhat agree	840	43%
	Somewhat disagree	224	11%
	Strongly disagree	90	5%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	69	3%
PC4_3NET	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The government should try to save money by setting preferred courses of treatment for certain diseases</i>		
	Total agree	527	27%
	Total disagree	1310	66%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	138	7%
PC4_3	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The government should try to save money by setting preferred courses of treatment for certain diseases</i>		
	Strongly agree	211	11%
	Somewhat agree	317	16%
	Somewhat disagree	374	19%
	Strongly disagree	936	47%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	138	7%
PC4_4NET	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The government should set guidelines for what treatments doctors should prescribe to patients with different diseases</i>		
	Total agree	417	21%
	Total disagree	1428	72%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	130	7%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PC4_4	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The government should set guidelines for what treatments doctors should prescribe to patients with different diseases</i>		
	Strongly agree	172	9%
	Somewhat agree	245	12%
	Somewhat disagree	383	19%
	Strongly disagree	1045	53%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	130	7%
PH_BLOCKTXT	<i>(Shown to all respondents) Here is some information about a new government proposal. Please read each point carefully, as we have several questions about how it may impact you or members of your family. The Medicare agency is proposing changes to Medicare Part B, which covers prescription drugs administered in a physician's office or hospital outpatient department, such as cancer medications, injectables like antibiotics or eye care treatments. The government is proposing to test new ways for paying for prescription drugs in the Medicare Part B program with the goal of controlling costs and improving patient outcomes. The government is also proposing to use comparative effectiveness research to decide if treatments are similar for the purpose of paying physicians.</i>		
	Text	1975	100%
PC5NET	<i>Based on what you know about this proposal, do you support or oppose government efforts to set national protocols for medical care to promote mindful prescribing by physicians for Medicare patients?</i>		
	Total support	529	27%
	Total oppose	1194	60%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	251	13%
PC5	<i>Based on what you know about this proposal, do you support or oppose government efforts to set national protocols for medical care to promote mindful prescribing by physicians for Medicare patients?</i>		
	Strongly support	143	7%
	Somewhat support	386	20%
	Somewhat oppose	437	22%
	Strongly oppose	758	38%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	251	13%
PC6NET	<i>Based on what you know about this proposal, do you support or oppose government deciding when drugs are similar on average, in order to give prescribers incentives to use certain drugs?</i>		
	Total support	505	26%
	Total oppose	1251	63%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	218	11%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
PC6	<i>Based on what you know about this proposal, do you support or oppose government deciding when drugs are similar on average, in order to give prescribers incentives to use certain drugs?</i>		
	Strongly support	108	5%
	Somewhat support	398	20%
	Somewhat oppose	453	23%
	Strongly oppose	798	40%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	218	11%
PC7NET	<i>Based on what you know about this proposal, do you support or oppose allowing government to decide what is valuable for patients based on an average?</i>		
	Total support	369	19%
	Total oppose	1404	71%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	202	10%
PC7	<i>Based on what you know about this proposal, do you support or oppose allowing government to decide what is valuable for patients based on an average?</i>		
	Strongly support	103	5%
	Somewhat support	266	13%
	Somewhat oppose	401	20%
	Strongly oppose	1003	51%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	202	10%
PC8NET	<i>Current Medicare law includes a safeguard saying the government cannot use cost-effectiveness in making coverage or payment decisions because this may discriminate against the elderly and people with disabilities. How important do you think it is to maintain this protection?</i>		
	Total important	1703	86%
	Total Not important	116	6%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	156	8%
PC8	<i>Current Medicare law includes a safeguard saying the government cannot use cost-effectiveness in making coverage or payment decisions because this may discriminate against the elderly and people with disabilities. How important do you think it is to maintain this protection?</i>		
	Very important	1282	65%
	Somewhat important	421	21%
	Not too important	86	4%
	Not at all important	29	1%
	Don't Know / No Opinion	156	8%

*Note:* Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

## Respondent Demographics Summary

### Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	1975	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	921	47%
	Gender: Female	1054	53%
	N	1975	
age5	Age: 18-29	493	25%
	Age: 30-44	315	16%
	Age: 45-54	404	20%
	Age: 55-64	342	17%
	Age: 65+	422	21%
	N	1975	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	713	36%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	692	35%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	570	29%
	N	1975	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	294	15%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	419	21%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	330	17%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	362	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	297	15%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	273	14%
	N	1975	
xdemTea	Tea Party: Supporter	568	29%
	Tea Party: Not Supporter	1401	71%
	N	1969	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	653	33%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	481	24%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	634	32%
	N	1768	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1298	66%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	439	22%
	Educ: Post-grad	238	12%
	N	1975	
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	1176	60%
	Income: 50k-100k	596	30%
	Income: 100k+	203	10%
	N	1975	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1608	81%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	177	9%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	254	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	113	6%
xrelNet	Relig: Protestant	517	26%
	Relig: Roman Catholic	413	21%
	Relig: Ath./Agn./None	500	25%
	Relig: Something Else	285	14%
	<i>N</i>	1715	
xreligion1	Relig: Jewish	53	3%
xreligion2	Relig: Evangelical	639	32%
	Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics	551	28%
	<i>N</i>	1190	
xreligion3	Relig: All Christian	1190	60%
	Relig: All Non-Christian	785	40%
	<i>N</i>	1975	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	518	26%
	Community: Suburban	844	43%
	Community: Rural	614	31%
	<i>N</i>	1975	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	596	30%
	Employ: Government	155	8%
	Employ: Self-Employed	165	8%
	Employ: Homemaker	149	8%
	Employ: Student	83	4%
	Employ: Retired	470	24%
	Employ: Unemployed	188	10%
	Employ: Other	169	9%
	<i>N</i>	1975	
xdemJobStatus	Job Type: White-collar	702	36%
	Job Type: Blue-collar	896	45%
	Job Type: Don't Know	376	19%
	<i>N</i>	1975	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	373	19%
	Military HH: No	1602	81%
	<i>N</i>	1975	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xnr1	RD/WT: Right Direction	607	31%
	RD/WT: Wrong Track	1368	69%
	N	1975	
xnr2Bin	Obama Job: Approve	941	48%
	Obama Job: Disapprove	970	49%
	N	1911	
xnr3	#1 Issue: Economy	691	35%
	#1 Issue: Security	400	20%
	#1 Issue: Health Care	231	12%
	#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security	265	13%
	#1 Issue: Women's Issues	94	5%
	#1 Issue: Education	146	7%
	#1 Issue: Energy	65	3%
	#1 Issue: Other	83	4%
	N	1975	
xsubVote14O	2014 Vote: Democrat	690	35%
	2014 Vote: Republican	600	30%
	2014 Vote: Other	81	4%
	2014 Vote: Didn't Vote	601	30%
	N	1972	
xsubVote12O	2012 Vote: Barack Obama	824	42%
	2012 Vote: Mitt Romney	582	29%
	2012 Vote: Other	105	5%
	2012 Vote: Didn't Vote	460	23%
	N	1972	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	361	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	466	24%
	4-Region: South	733	37%
	4-Region: West	415	21%
	N	1975	

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