



Medicare National Survey Results

Q1 Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove making seniors pay higher fees for their Medicare services as a means to reduce federal spending?

<i>Strongly approve</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat approve</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat disapprove</i>	21%
<i>Strongly disapprove</i>	54%
<i>Not sure</i>	5%

Q2 Several Medicare proposals are being discussed in Washington to reduce the program's cost to taxpayers. From the following list, which proposal is the one you favor the most: Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67, Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care, Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes, or Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?

<i>Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67</i>	30%
<i>Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care</i>	4%
<i>Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes</i>	22%
<i>Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs</i>	34%
<i>Don't favor any of these proposals</i>	10%
<i>No opinion</i>	1%

Q3 And from the same list, which proposal is the one you think should be avoided at all costs: Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67, Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care, Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes, or Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?

<i>Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67</i>	29%
<i>Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care</i>	46%
<i>Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes</i>	8%
<i>Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?</i>	13%
<i>No opinion</i>	3%

Q4 Some people say they support making seniors pay higher fees, or co-pays, for Medicare because they will reduce the share of Medicare costs that taxpayers currently bear, and may reduce any excessive and unnecessary use of Medicare services. Other people say they oppose making seniors pay higher fees, or co-pays, for Medicare services because they will disproportionately hurt poor and minority senior citizens, cause many of them to postpone treatment, and result in higher emergency room and state Medicaid costs. Which of these do you agree with more?

<i>Will reduce the cost of Medicare that taxpayers bear</i>	17%
<i>Will disproportionately hurt poor and minority senior citizens</i>	59%
<i>Not sure</i>	24%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	49%
<i>Man</i>	51%





Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	39%
<i>Republican</i>	35%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	26%

Q7 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	12%
<i>White</i>	70%
<i>African-American</i>	11%
<i>Other</i>	6%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	27%
<i>46 to 65</i>	41%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%

Q9 What is your household's annual income? If less than \$30,000, press 1. If \$30,000 to \$50,000, press 2. If \$50,000 to \$75,000, press 3. If \$75,000 to \$100,000, press 4. If over \$100,000, press 5. If you'd rather not say, press 6.

<i>Less than \$30,000</i>	21%
<i>\$30,000 to \$50,000</i>	20%
<i>\$50,000 to \$75,000</i>	17%
<i>\$75,000 to \$100,000</i>	12%
<i>Over \$100,000</i>	14%
<i>Rather Not Say</i>	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Making seniors pay higher fees for their Medicare services?			
Strongly approve	10%	9%	11%
Somewhat approve	10%	9%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	21%	20%	21%
Strongly disapprove	54%	58%	50%
Not sure	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Most favorable medicare proposal			
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	30%	30%	30%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	4%	3%	4%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	22%	19%	26%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs	34%	37%	30%
Don't favor any of these proposals	10%	10%	9%
No opinion	1%	2%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Least favorable Medicare proposal			
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	29%	29%	28%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	46%	48%	45%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	8%	7%	9%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?	13%	11%	15%
No opinion	3%	5%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support or Oppose Senions paying higher fees			
Will reduce the cost of Medicare that taxpayers bear	17%	15%	18%
Will disproportionately hurt poor and minority senior citizens	59%	61%	57%
Not sure	24%	24%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Making seniors pay higher fees for their Medicare services?				
Strongly approve	10%	10%	7%	14%
Somewhat approve	10%	11%	9%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	21%	21%	22%	20%
Strongly disapprove	54%	54%	55%	52%
Not sure	5%	4%	7%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Most favorable medicare proposal				
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	30%	23%	37%	30%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	4%	3%	4%	5%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	22%	23%	18%	28%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs	34%	43%	29%	27%
Don't favor any of these proposals	10%	7%	12%	10%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Least favorable Medicare proposal				
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	29%	34%	23%	29%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	46%	45%	47%	47%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	8%	8%	10%	6%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?	13%	11%	15%	15%
No opinion	3%	2%	6%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support or Oppose Senions paying higher fees				
Will reduce the cost of Medicare that taxpayers bear	17%	16%	15%	20%
Will disproportionately hurt poor and minority senior citizens	59%	64%	56%	56%
Not sure	24%	20%	29%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Making seniors pay higher fees for their Medicare services?					
Strongly approve	10%	22%	9%	5%	12%
Somewhat approve	10%	13%	10%	4%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	21%	13%	21%	27%	23%
Strongly disapprove	54%	45%	54%	63%	49%
Not sure	5%	7%	6%	2%	2%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Most favorable medicare proposal					
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	30%	41%	31%	15%	22%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	4%	8%	3%	1%	6%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	22%	17%	24%	16%	27%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs	34%	31%	32%	48%	36%
Don't favor any of these proposals	10%	3%	9%	18%	9%
No opinion	1%	-	1%	2%	1%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Least favorable Medicare proposal					
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	29%	32%	26%	39%	36%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	46%	40%	50%	34%	42%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	8%	12%	8%	9%	6%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?	13%	15%	13%	12%	14%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	6%	1%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support or Oppose Seniors paying higher fees					
Will reduce the cost of Medicare that taxpayers bear	17%	35%	15%	8%	14%
Will disproportionately hurt poor and minority senior citizens	59%	45%	62%	58%	57%
Not sure	24%	20%	23%	34%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Making seniors pay higher fees for their Medicare services?					
Strongly approve	10%	16%	11%	9%	7%
Somewhat approve	10%	8%	9%	12%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	21%	30%	19%	20%	20%
Strongly disapprove	54%	43%	53%	55%	60%
Not sure	5%	3%	8%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Most favorable medicare proposal					
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	30%	19%	31%	26%	41%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	22%	11%	22%	26%	22%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs	34%	51%	29%	37%	22%
Don't favor any of these proposals	10%	16%	12%	7%	8%
No opinion	1%	-	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Least favorable Medicare proposal					
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	29%	39%	34%	27%	19%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	46%	31%	41%	51%	52%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	8%	8%	7%	8%	11%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?	13%	22%	13%	11%	13%
No opinion	3%	-	6%	2%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support or Oppose Seniors paying higher fees					
Will reduce the cost of Medicare that taxpayers bear	17%	20%	24%	13%	12%
Will disproportionately hurt poor and minority senior citizens	59%	54%	49%	68%	57%
Not sure	24%	26%	27%	19%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Income					
		Less than \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Rather Not Say
Making seniors pay higher fees for their Medicare services?							
Strongly approve	10%	12%	9%	8%	15%	12%	6%
Somewhat approve	10%	6%	9%	11%	14%	11%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	21%	20%	22%	19%	25%	19%	22%
Strongly disapprove	54%	55%	56%	61%	40%	56%	51%
Not sure	5%	7%	5%	2%	6%	3%	7%

	Base	Income					
		Less than \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Rather Not Say
Most favorable medicare proposal							
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	30%	29%	32%	31%	27%	29%	29%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	4%	6%	2%	3%	8%	1%	3%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	22%	15%	24%	20%	34%	22%	25%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs	34%	38%	36%	39%	24%	38%	24%
Don't favor any of these proposals	10%	11%	6%	7%	6%	10%	17%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	-	-	-	2%

	Base	Income					
		Less than \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Rather Not Say
Least favorable Medicare proposal							
Gradually raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	29%	29%	31%	27%	31%	29%	25%
Charging seniors an additional co-pay of up to one hundred fifty dollars to receive care	46%	45%	47%	48%	48%	46%	43%
Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors with higher-incomes	8%	9%	8%	7%	11%	10%	7%
Requiring prescription drug manufacturers to pay the government a rebate on prescription drugs?	13%	13%	13%	16%	9%	9%	17%
No opinion	3%	4%	1%	1%	2%	6%	7%

	Base	Income					
		Less than \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Rather Not Say
Support or Oppose Seniors paying higher fees							
Will reduce the cost of Medicare that taxpayers bear	17%	17%	13%	15%	26%	16%	16%
Will disproportionately hurt poor and minority senior citizens	59%	53%	65%	67%	59%	61%	48%
Not sure	24%	30%	21%	18%	15%	24%	36%

