

Topline

***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll – February 2018: Health Care
and the 2018 Midterms, Attitudes Towards Proposed
Changes to Medicaid***

February 2018

METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted February 15-20 2018, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,193 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (422) and cell phone (771, including 502 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January-June 2017 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1,193	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	350	±6 percentage points
Republicans	322	±6 percentage points
Independents	388	±6 percentage points
2018 Election		
Registered voters	1004	±4 percentage points
Voters in competitive elections	311	±7 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- “Vol.” indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

All trends shown in this document come from the Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:

01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

06/15M&M: Kaiser Family Foundation *Medicare and Medicaid at 50* (conducted April 23-May 31, 2015)

RVOTE. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	02/18
Yes	79
No	21
Don't know/Refused	1

Q1. While this year's (2018) election is still a long way off, what health care issue would you most want to hear candidates talk about during their upcoming campaigns?

	02/18
Health care costs (NET)	19
Costs/make health care more affordable	17
Prescription drug prices	2
Medicare/senior concerns	7
Improve how health care is delivered	7
Oppose/Repeal health care law (NET)	6
Repeal health care law	4
Want government out of health care	1
Oppose individual mandate	1
Health care law has increased costs	*
Increase access/decrease number of uninsured	6
Obamacare/outlook of healthcare	5
Single-payer system/Medicare-for-all/universal health care	5
Favor/Improve health care law (NET)	3
Favor/keep/expand health care law/current system	2
Fix/improve health care law	1
Bring back the individual mandate	*
Concern about quality of coverage/care	3
Medicaid	3
Fix/improve health care system (general)	1
How health care impacts people personally	1
Regulate insurance/HMO/pharmaceutical companies	1
Concern about impact of health care on debt and deficit/the economy	*
Other	12
Nothing/not an issue	4
Don't know/Refused	18

Based on registered voters (n=1,004)

	02/18
Health care costs (NET)	22
Costs/make health care more affordable	19
Prescription drug prices	3
Medicare/senior concerns	8
Oppose/Repeal health care law (NET)	7
Repeal health care law	5
Want government out of health care	1
Oppose individual mandate	1
Health care law has increased costs	*
Improve how health care is delivered	7
Increase access/decrease number of uninsured	6
Single-payer system/Medicare-for-all/universal health care	5
Obamacare/outlook of healthcare	4
Favor/Improve health care law (NET)	3
Favor/keep/expand health care law/current system	2
Fix/improve health care law	1
Bring back the individual mandate	*
Concern about quality of coverage/care	3
Medicaid	3
Fix/improve health care system (general)	2
Regulate insurance/HMO/pharmaceutical companies	1
How health care impacts people personally	1
Concern about impact of health care on debt and deficit/the economy	*
Other	11
Nothing/not an issue	4
Don't know/Refused	13

Q2. Thinking about the many health care issues that candidates can talk about during their campaigns, how important would you say it is for 2018 candidates to talk about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the 2018 candidates to talk about? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the 2018 candidates to talk about?) (scramble items a-j) (keep h and i rotating together)

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know/Refused
a. Repealing the 2010 health care law, also known as the Affordable Care Act	55	20	9	13	4
b. The ongoing heroin and prescription painkiller addiction epidemic in the U.S.	69	22	4	4	1
c. Stabilizing the Affordable Care Act marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits	65	23	4	6	1
d. Your own health care costs	69	21	6	3	1
e. How much the country spends on health care	70	22	4	2	2
f. The cost of prescription drugs	75	18	4	2	1
g. Access to health care	83	12	2	2	1
h. The future of Medicare	81	15	2	1	2
i. The future of Medicaid	70	23	3	2	2
j. A national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan	48	24	9	17	3

Based on registered voters (n=1,004)

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know/Refused
a. Repealing the 2010 health care law, also known as the Affordable Care Act	56	18	9	14	4
b. The ongoing heroin and prescription painkiller addiction epidemic in the U.S.	69	21	5	4	1
c. Stabilizing the Affordable Care Act marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits	66	22	4	7	1
d. Your own health care costs	69	20	6	4	*
e. How much the country spends on health care	70	22	4	2	1
f. The cost of prescription drugs	76	18	4	2	*
g. Access to health care	81	13	2	3	1
h. The future of Medicare	81	15	2	1	1
i. The future of Medicaid	68	25	4	2	2
j. A national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan	45	24	9	19	3

ACA. As you may know a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
02/18	33	21	12	30	5
01/18	27	23	12	30	8
11/17	29	21	17	29	5
10/17	29	22	13	27	9
09/17	27	19	14	30	10
08/17	30	22	10	29	9
07/17	28	22	12	32	6
06/17	29	22	14	27	8
05/17	29	20	13	29	9
Late 04/17 ¹	24	24	15	26	12
Early 04/17	20	26	16	30	9
03/17	21	28	15	29	6
02/17	20	28	15	27	10
12/16	21	22	16	30	11
11/16	19	24	17	28	11
10/16	19	26	13	32	10
09/16	18	26	17	30	9
08/16	19	21	14	28	17
07/16	18	22	17	29	14
06/16	18	24	12	32	14
04/16	15	23	17	32	13
03/16	21	20	17	30	13
02/16	19	22	12	34	14
01/16	21	20	16	28	16
12/15	19	21	13	33	14
11/15	19	19	17	28	17
10/15	21	21	15	27	16
09/15	21	20	15	30	14
08/15	23	21	16	25	14
06/29/15	23	20	13	27	17
06/09/15	19	20	16	26	19
04/15	22	21	15	27	14
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20

¹ January 2012 through Late April 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010..."

ACA continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 ²	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10 ³	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ⁴	23	23	10	30	14

Q3. As you may know, the Affordable Care Act required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. As far as you know, has Congress repealed this requirement, or not?⁵

	02/18	01/18
Yes	41	36
No	40	49
Don't know/Refused	19	19
Don't know	19	18
Refused	*	*

² February 2011 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

³ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year..."

⁴ April 2010 trend wording was "President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

⁵ January 2018 trend wording was "As you may know, the Affordable Care Act required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. As far as you know, has Congress passed a law repealing this requirement, or not?"

Q4. Do you happen to know if this requirement is still in effect for 2018, or is this requirement no longer in effect?

Based on those who are aware Congress repealed the requirement (n=525)

	02/18
Requirement still in effect for 2018	31
No longer in effect	52
Don't know/Refused	17
Don't know	17
Refused	--

Q3/Q4 COMBO TABLE based on total

	02/18
Requirement has been repealed	41
Requirement still in effect for 2018	13
Requirement is not in effect for 2018	21
Don't know/Refused	7
Requirement is still in effect	40
Don't know/Refused	19

READ TO ALL: Now I am going to ask you some questions about Medicaid [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME:, also known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME]], the government health insurance and long-term care program for low-income adults and children.

Q5. In general, do you have (a favorable) or (an unfavorable) opinion of Medicaid? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very [favorable/unfavorable] or somewhat [favorable/unfavorable] opinion?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	02/18	06/17
Favorable (NET)	74	74
Very favorable	40	37
Somewhat favorable	34	37
Unfavorable (NET)	21	19
Somewhat unfavorable	13	11
Very favorable	8	9
Don't know	5	6
Refused	*	1

Q6. Would you say the current Medicaid program is working well for most low-income people covered by the program, or not?

	02/18	02/17	06/15M&M
Yes, working well	52	61	50
No, not working well	32	28	33
Don't know	15	10	16
Refused	*	1	*

Q7. For states that expand their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults, the federal government pays for at least 90 percent of the costs of this expansion. Do you think your state should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people)? (rotate response options 1-2/2-1)⁶

Based on those who live in states where Medicaid has not expanded (n=449)

	02/18	06/15M&M
Keep Medicaid as it is today	37	32
Expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	56	61
Other/Neither (Vol.)	3	3
Don't know	4	4
Refused	*	*

STATEEXPMEDI/Q7 COMBO TABLE based on total

	02/18
Live in states where Medicaid has expanded	63
Live in states where Medicaid hasn't expanded	37
Keep Medicaid as it is today	14
Expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	21
Other/Neither (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q8. As you may know, the Trump administration is allowing some states to change their Medicaid program to require adults without disabilities to be working or looking for work in order to have health insurance through Medicaid. Do you think each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason behind these proposed changes to Medicaid? (INSERT ITEM) Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason behind these proposed changes to Medicaid? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason behind these proposed changes to Medicaid?) (scramble items a-b)

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/ Refused
a. To help lift people out of poverty	49	24	23	4
b. To reduce government spending by limiting the number of people on the program	57	22	16	5

Q8c. Which of these do you think is the MAIN reason behind these proposed changes to Medicaid? (READ LIST)

Based on those who think both "to help lift people out of poverty" and "to reduce government spending by limiting the number of people on the program" are major reasons behind these proposed changes to Medicaid (n=329)

	02/18
To help lift people out of poverty	47
To reduce government spending by limiting the number of people on the program	49
Don't know/Refused	4

⁶ June 2015 trend wording was "For states that expand their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults, the federal government initially pays the entire cost of this expansion, and after several years, states will pay 10 percent and the federal government will pay 90 percent. Do you think your state should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people)?"

Q8a/Q8b/Q8c COMBO TABLE based on total

	02/18
To help lift people out of poverty is the main reason	33
To reduce government spending by limiting the number of people on the program is the main reason	41
Don't think either are the main reason	25
Don't know/Refused	1

Q9. Which of the following comes closer to your view of how Medicaid should work? (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1, keep Option A and Option B from rotating)

	02/18
Option A: Medicaid should only be available to low-income people for a limited amount of time in order to provide temporary help	33
Option B: Medicaid should be available to low-income people for as long as they qualify, without a time limit	66
Other/Neither (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the 2010 Affordable Care Act created health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employer can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits.

Q10. In general, do you think the marketplaces for people who purchase their own insurance are collapsing, or not?

Based on half sample A

	02/18	01/18	09/17
Yes	52	42	50
No	34	46	35
Don't know/Refused	14	12	15
	(n=590)	(n=1215)	(n=1179)

Q11. In general, do you think the marketplaces for people who purchase their own insurance are stable, or not?

Based on half sample B (n=603)

	02/18
Yes	30
No	62
Don't know/Refused	8

READ TO ALL: Now thinking about your own personal health care...

Q12. How important is it to you personally to have health insurance? (READ LIST)

	02/18	11/15	11/14	01/14	06/13
Important (NET)	97	95	94	95	96
Very important	88	85	84	85	87
Somewhat important	9	10	11	10	9
Not important (NET)	3	5	5	4	3
Not too important	2	2	2	3	2
Not at all important	1	3	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused	*	*	1	*	1

READ TO ALL: Moving on...

AGE. What is your age?

AGE2. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

RECA2 VARIABLE

	02/18
18-29	21
30-49	32
50-64	27
65+	20
Don't know/Refused	*

COVERAGE Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	02/18
Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

COVTYPE. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,094)

	02/18
Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	19
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	5
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table based on total

	02/18
Covered by health insurance	88
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	16
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on total 18-64 (n=796)

	02/18
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

COVSELFOTHER. Regardless of your source of health insurance coverage, did you purchase your plan yourself?

Based on those 18-64 who purchase their own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

SMBIZ. Are you or your spouse a small business owner, or not?

Based on those 18-64 who purchase their own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

BIZINS. Is the health insurance that you purchase for yourself part of a plan that also covers non-related employees of your business, or is the plan just for yourself and your family?

Based on those 18-64 who are small business owners (sample size insufficient to report)

COVSELF. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME]), or through an insurance agent or broker?

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table based on those ages 18-64 (n=796)

	02/18
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELFOTHER/COVSELF Combo Table based on those ages 18-64 (n=796)

	02/18
Covered by health insurance (NET)	86
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else (NET)	4
Yes, purchased plan yourself	1
No, did not purchase plan yourself	2
Don't know/Refused	--
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

COVMKT. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

Based on those who purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF/COVMKT

Based on total 18-64 (n=796)

	02/18
Covered by health insurance (NET)	86
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	4
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

SUBSIDY. As far as you know, are you personally getting financial help from the government, such as a premium tax credit or premium assistance, to help pay your monthly premium for health insurance, or not?

Based on those 18-64 who have marketplace plans or don't know if their plan is a marketplace plan or not (sample size insufficient to report)

INCSUBSIDY. As far as you know, is the amount you pay for your health plan based on your income, or is it not based on your income?

Based on those 18-64 who aren't receiving a subsidy or don't know if they are receiving a subsidy (sample size insufficient to report)

Q13. Which of the following comes closer to your view? (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1)

Based on half sample c, those who are uninsured or are non-group purchasers (n=831)

	02/18	11/15	11/14	01/14	06/13
Health insurance is something I need (or)	88	85	84	85	88
I'm healthy enough that I don't really need health insurance	11	14	14	14	11
Don't know/Refused	*	2	2	1	1

Q14. When it comes to choosing a health insurance plan, which of the following is MOST IMPORTANT to you? Is it (READ LIST)? [READ IF NECESSARY: If you had to choose just one, which matters most in choosing a health insurance plan?] (rotate response options 1-2/2-1, keep Option A and Option B from rotating)

Based on half sample c, those who are uninsured or are non-group purchasers (n=831)

	02/18
Option A: Comprehensive coverage, that is health insurance that costs more, but covers almost every benefit you need	71
Option B: Affordable coverage, that is health insurance that costs less but does not cover every benefit you need	26
Don't know/Refused	3

QUESTIONS NG-1-NG-20 WERE INCLUDED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THESE QUESTIONS, SEE THE TOPLINE FOR NON-GROUP ENROLLEES (<https://www.kff.org/health-reform/poll-finding/kaiser-health-tracking-poll-March-2018-non-group-marketplace-enrollees/>)

- NG-1. How long have you been covered by your CURRENT health insurance plan? Is this a new plan that started in 2018, or a plan that you had for all or part of 2017 and renewed in 2018? If you kept the same insurance company but changed plans, please count this as a new plan.
- NG-2. What kind of health coverage, if any, did you have immediately before you signed up for your current plan? Were you covered by a DIFFERENT plan you purchased yourself, were you covered by an employer, by COBRA, did you have Medicaid or other public coverage, or were you uninsured? (ENTER ONE ONLY) [READ IF NECESSARY: We're asking about your insurance status immediately before you began coverage under your current plan.]
- NG-3. When you signed up for your current health plan, did you have a choice of health plans from different insurance companies, or was there only one insurance company selling plans in your area?
- NG-4. How satisfied were you with the health plan (IF NG-3 =1 INSERT: choices) available to you? (READ LIST)
- NG-5. Thinking about each step in the process when you (IF Ng-1=2 INSERT "renewed", IF NG-1=1 OR 8 OR 9 INSERT "signed up") for health coverage, did you have any problems (INSERT IN ORDER) or did you not have any problems?
- NG-6. When you had a problem, did you get help from anyone, other than a friend or family member, or not?
- NG-7. Thinking about the most recent open enrollment period that just ended, is (INSERT ITEM) higher, lower, or about the same as it was in 2017?
- NG-8. Will that increase in your health insurance costs be a major financial burden, a minor financial burden, or will it not be a financial burden for you and your family?
- NG-9. Thinking about the future, how worried are you, if at all, that (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (READ LIST)

READ TO ALL: Moving onto another topic...

- NG-10. Is each of the following a major, minor, or not a reason why you chose to purchase your own insurance? (INSERT ITEM) (READ IF NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you chose to purchase your own insurance?)
- NG-11. As you may know, Congress recently passed a law that eliminates the fine for people who don't get health insurance beginning in 2019. Knowing this, do you think you will continue to buy your own insurance in 2019, or will you choose to go without coverage?
- NG-12. To the best of your knowledge, is your current health plan a bronze, silver, gold or platinum plan?
- NG-13. Would you say your health insurance is an excellent value, good value, only a fair value or a poor value for what you pay for it?
- NG-14. Some are proposing a type of insurance plan called a short-term plan that would last up to 12 months and would not be renewable at the end of the year. These plans would cost significantly less but provide fewer benefits and not pay for care for pre-existing conditions. If you had the opportunity, would you want to purchase such a plan, or would you prefer to keep the plan that you have now?
- NG-15. What's the MAIN reason you do not currently have health insurance? (ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY)
- NG-16. Have you tried to get health insurance for yourself in the past 6 months, or not?
- NG-17. Do you think you will have to pay a fine for not having health insurance in 2017, or not?
- NG-18. In the past 6 months, have you tried to figure out if you qualify for Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME], or not?
- NG-19. In the past 6 months, have you tried to figure out if you qualify for financial assistance to purchase health insurance, or not?
- NG-20. When you tried to figure out if you qualified for (Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]/ financial assistance / Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME] or financial assistance), did you get help from anyone, other than a friend or family member, or not?

Have you personally EVER [INSERT AND RANDOMIZE], or not? (scramble items)

Items a,b: Based on those who are not currently covered by Medicaid
Item c: Based on those who are covered by Medicare

		Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	N
a. EverMcdINS. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME:, which may also be known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME HERE)]	02/18	19	81	*	*	1,088
	06/17	19	80	1	*	1,112
b. EverMcdCARE. Received [IF RSEX=2: pregnancy-related care,] home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	02/18	10	89	1	*	1,088
	06/17	9	90	1	*	1,112
c. EverMcdMCR. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	02/18	10	87	1	2	302
	06/17	13	83	2	2	249

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/EverMcdINS based on total

	02/18
Not currently covered by Medicaid	88
Yes, received health insurance through the Medicaid program	17
No, did not receive health insurance through the Medicaid program	72
Don't know/Refused	*
Covered by Medicaid	12
Don't know/Refused	--

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/EverMcdCARE based on total

	02/18
Not currently covered by Medicaid	88
Yes, received pregnancy related care home health care or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	9
No, did not receive pregnancy related care home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	79
Don't know/Refused	1
Covered by Medicaid	12
Don't know/Refused	--

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/EverMcdMCR based on total

	02/18
Covered by Medicare	16
Yes, gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	2
No, did not get help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	14
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by Medicare	83
Don't know/Refused	*

EverMcdChild. Do you now or have you ever had a child get health insurance through Medicaid [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: , also known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME]], or not?

Based on those who have never been covered by Medicaid (n=900)

	02/18
Yes	13
No	86
Don't know/Refused	*

To the best of your knowledge, have any of your close friends or family members ever [INSERT AND RANDOMIZE], or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
EverMcdINSFam. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [ONLY IF NEEDED: IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: , which may also be known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME HERE)] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: This includes health insurance through the Medicaid program for any type of medical care.]	45	52	3	*
EverMcdCAREFam. Received pregnancy-related care, home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	34	62	4	*
EverMcdMCRFam. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay Medicare premiums	25	64	11	*

CXNMEDI VARIABLE

	02/18	06/17
Self ever covered by Medicaid	32	32
Child ever covered by Medicaid	9	8
Friends or family ever covered by Medicaid	29	31
No connection to Medicaid	30	29

RSEX. Are you male or female?

	02/18
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	--
Refused ⁷	--

GENDER VARIABLE

	02/18
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*

⁷ Refusals were coded by observation

HEALTH. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

	02/18
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	79
Excellent	19
Very good	30
Good	31
Only fair/Poor (NET)	20
Only fair	16
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	*

PREX. In general, the term 'pre-existing condition' is used by insurance companies to describe an illness or medical condition that a person had before they began looking for insurance. For example, if you were looking to buy health insurance but had a history of asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, those would be considered pre-existing conditions, along with illnesses such as cancer. Given that definition, would you say that you or someone else in your household would be considered to have a 'pre-existing condition' of some sort, or not?

	02/18	06/17	12/16
Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition	59	59	56
No, no one in household has pre-existing condition	40	39	44
Don't know	1	1	*
Refused	*	1	*

MARITAL. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	02/18
Married	46
Living with a partner	9
Widowed	7
Divorced	9
Separated	4
Never been married	25
Don't know/Refused	1

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

	02/18
Employed (NET)	59
Employed full-time	48
Employed part-time	11
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	5
Retired	17
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	1

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a (Republican), a (Democrat), an Independent, or what?

	02/18
Republican	24
Democrat	29
Independent	33
Or what/Other/None/No preference	9
Don't know/Refused	4

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PARTY)

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN based on total

	02/18
Republican/Lean Republican	38
Democrat/Lean Democratic	45
Pure Independent	14
Undesignated	4

Five-Point Party ID

	02/18
Democrat	29
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	11
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	24
Undesignated	6

IDEOLOGY. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

	02/18
Liberal	26
Moderate	37
Conservative	33
Don't know/Refused	4

TrumpApprove. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? [(GET ANSWER, THEN ASK :) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?]

	02/18
Approve (NET)	39
Strongly approve	20
Somewhat approve	19
Disapprove (NET)	56
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	42
Don't know/Refused	5

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

	02/18
HS grad or less (NET)	39
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	29
Some college (NET)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	17
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	14
College grad+ (NET)	30
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused	*

HISPANIC. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	02/18
Yes	15
No	83
Don't know/Refused	1

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table based on total

	02/18
White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	36
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	2
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	2

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Based on Hispanics (n=130)

	02/18
U.S.	51
Puerto Rico	1
Another country	48
Don't know/Refused	--

INCOME. Last year—that is, in 2017—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

	02/18
Less than \$20,000	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	18
Don't know/Refused	8

BRANDING. Next, I'd like to ask you about some organizations you may or may not have heard of. Have you ever heard of (INSERT ITEM), or not? (rotate items a-b)

	Yes, have heard of before	No, have not heard of before	Don't know/Refused
a. The Kaiser Permanente health system or HMO	53	46	*
b. The Kaiser Family Foundation	36	64	1

BRANDING2. As far as you know, is the Kaiser Family Foundation a division of Kaiser Permanente, is it funded by Kaiser Permanente but operates independently, or are the Kaiser Family Foundation and Kaiser Permanente two completely separate organizations?

Based on those who have heard of the Kaiser Family Foundation and Kaiser Permanente (n=394)

	02/18
Kaiser Family Foundation is a division of Kaiser Permanente	9
Kaiser Family Foundation is funded by Kaiser Permanente but operates independently	12
Kaiser Family Foundation and Kaiser Permanente are two completely separate organizations	26
Don't know/Refused	53



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