



Topline

**Kaiser Health Tracking Poll – March 2018: Views
on Prescription Drug Pricing and Medicare-for-all
Proposals**

METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted March 8-13 2018, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,212 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 (421) and cell phone (791, including 483 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	1,212	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	384	±6 percentage points
Republicans	325	±6 percentage points
Independents	395	±6 percentage points
2018 Election		
Registered voters	1,044	±4 percentage points
Voters in competitive elections	283	±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)

Q1. I'm going to read you some different things President Trump and Congress might try to do in the coming months. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done?) (scramble items a-e)

Based on half sample A (n=605)

		Top priority	Important but not a top priority	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/Refused	N
a. Addressing the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic							
	03/18	42	44	8	5	1	(n=605)
	01/18	48	36	9	4	3	(n=605)
	11/17	43	38	12	6	1	(n=603)
	Late 04/17 ¹	50	35	8	5	3	(n=1,171)
	12/16 ²	45	38	9	5	3	(n=1,204)
b. Passing legislation to allow individuals who came into the country illegally before the age of 16, known as Dreamers, to legally stay in the U.S.							
	03/18	38	33	13	13	3	(n=605)
	01/18	45	32	10	13	1	(n=605)
	11/17	34	35	13	16	2	(n=603)
c. Passing legislation to bring down the price of prescription drugs							
	03/18	52	38	6	2	1	(n=605)
	Late 04/17 ³	60	30	5	3	2	(n=1,171)
	12/16	61	28	6	3	2	(n=1,204)
d. Passing federal funding to build a border wall between U.S. and Mexico in order to limit who enters the country							
	03/18	20	17	14	49	-	(n=605)
	01/18	21	17	15	46	*	(n=605)
e. Passing an infrastructure bill with funding to improve U.S. roads and bridges							
	03/18	45	44	8	2	1	(n=605)
	01/18	40	47	9	3	1	(n=605)
f. Repealing the 2010 health care law							
	03/18	28	21	8	35	7	(n=605)
	01/18	28	23	11	32	6	(n=605)
	11/17	29	22	9	35	6	(n=598)
	Late 04/17	32	18	10	33	7	(n=1,171)
	12/16	37	21	7	31	5	(n=1,204)

¹ Late April 2017 trend wording was "Dealing with the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic"

² Intro for December 2016 trend was slightly different: "I'm going to read you some different things Donald Trump and the next Congress might do when it comes to health care"

³ Late April 2017 trend wording was "Lowering the cost of prescription drugs"

Q2. President Trump has said that under his administration, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) How confident are you that his administration will be able to deliver on this promise? Very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident? (scramble items a-f)

Based on half sample B (n=607)

	Confident (NET)	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not confident (NET)	Not too confident	Not at all confident	His administration already delivered on this promise (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused
a. The U.S. will end the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic	28	7	22	69	24	45	*	3
b. The U.S. will pass comprehensive immigration reform	48	17	30	49	18	32	--	3
c. Americans will pay less for prescription drugs than they pay now	39	13	27	58	18	41	--	2
d. America will build a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico in order to limit who enters the country	38	14	24	59	20	39	--	3
e. America will invest in infrastructure projects like fixing roads, bridges, and schools	54	21	32	44	19	25	--	2
f. The Affordable Care Act will be repealed	47	15	32	49	22	26	*	5

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
03/18	26	24	15	28	7
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 ⁴	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

⁴ 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 ⁵	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 ⁶	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 ⁷	23	23	10	30	14

⁵ 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?)”

⁶ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year...”

⁷ 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?)”

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?⁸

	03/18	02/18	01/18
Yes	32	41	36
No	46	40	49
Don't know/Refused	22	19	19
Don't know	22	19	18
Refused	*	*	*

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=394)

	03/18	02/18
Requirement still in effect for 2018	28	31
No longer in effect	55	52
Don't know/Refused	17	17
Don't know	17	17
Refused	--	--

Q3/Q4 COMBO TABLE based on total

	03/18	02/18
Requirement has been repealed	32	41
Requirement still in effect for 2018	9	13
Requirement is not in effect for 2018	18	21
Don't know/Refused	5	7
Requirement is still in effect	46	40
Don't know/Refused	22	19

Q5a. Do you think Democrats in Congress should focus their efforts on (improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working) or should they focus their efforts on (trying to pass a national health care plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan, or Medicare-for-all)? (rotate items in parentheses 1-2/2-1) (rotate Q5a & Q5b)

	03/18	09/17
Improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working	45	51
Trying to pass a national health care plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan, or Medicare-for-all ⁹	39	34
Neither of these/something else (Vol.)	9	11
Don't know/Refused	7	4

Q5b. Do you think Republicans in Congress should focus their efforts on (improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working) or should they focus their efforts on (repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act)? (rotate items in parentheses 1-2/2-1) (rotate Q5a & Q5b)

	03/18	09/17
Improving the way the Affordable Care Act is working	63	64
Repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act	32	31
Neither of these/something else (Vol.)	3	2
Don't know/Refused	3	2

⁸ 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?"

⁹ September 2017 item trend wording was "Trying to pass a national health care plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan"

Q6. Do you think that (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) (FOR ITEMS a,b,i, INSERT has; FOR ITEMS c,d,e,f,g,h,j,k INSERT have) too much influence in Washington, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence in Washington? (scramble items a-k) (FOR ITEMS a,b,i, INSERT has; FOR ITEMS c,d,e,f,g,h,j,k INSERT have)

Items a, c, e, g, i, k: Based on half sample A

Items b, d, f, h, j, k: Based on half sample B

	Too much influence	Too little influence	About the right amount	Don't know/Refused	N
a. The National Rifle Association, or NRA	52	16	29	4	(n=605)
b. AARP	17	21	40	22	(n=607)
c. Pharmaceutical companies	72	5	16	7	(n=605)
d. Health insurance companies	66	13	16	5	(n=607)
e. Doctors groups	30	25	34	10	(n=605)
f. Hospital groups	36	29	26	10	(n=607)
g. Labor unions	28	34	30	8	(n=605)
h. Large businesses	76	8	14	3	(n=607)
i. Wall Street	69	6	20	6	(n=605)
j. Small businesses	5	78	15	3	(n=607)
k. People like you	2	84	12	2	(n=1,212)

READ TO ALL: Moving on to the topic of prescription drugs...

Q7. In general, do you think the cost of prescription drugs is reasonable or unreasonable?

	03/18	09/16	08/15	06/09/15	03/08
Reasonable	17	21	24	22	18
Unreasonable	80	77	72	73	79
Don't know	3	2	4	5	2
Refused ¹⁰	1	1	--	--	--

¹⁰ Don't know and Refused were recorded separately for this question and some other questions throughout the survey. Prior to October 2016, Don't know/Refused was combined into one category. Trend results prior to 2016 for "Refused" are shown in the "Don't know" category.

Q8. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), are doing enough to bring down the cost of prescription drugs, or not? (scramble items a-c)

	Doing enough	Not doing enough	Don't know/ Refused
a. President Trump and his administration	15	77	9
b. Democrats in Congress	10	82	8
c. Republicans in Congress	9	83	7

Q9. Overall, which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job at lowering prescription drug costs?¹¹

	03/18	07/16	01/16
Democrats	44	51	48
Republicans	30	30	31
Both (Vol.)	--	1	1
Neither (Vol.)	21	12	13
Don't know	5	5	7
Refused	1	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

	03/18	02/18	01/18	09/17
Yes	53	52	42	50
No	33	34	46	35
Don't know/Refused	14	14	12	15
	(n=605)	(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

	03/18	02/18
Yes	27	30
No	64	62
Don't know/Refused	9	8
	(n=607)	(n=603)

¹¹ July 2016 trend wording was "lowering the cost of prescription drugs." Trend results for "Neither" (vol.) also included those who said "Other" (vol.)

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)

	03/18	02/18	11/15	11/14	01/14	06/13
Important (NET)	96	97	95	94	95	96
Very important	88	88	85	84	85	87
Somewhat important	9	9	10	11	10	9
Not important (NET)	4	3	5	5	4	3
Not too important	2	2	2	2	3	2
Not at all important	1	1	3	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused	--	*	*	1	*	1

READ TO ALL: Moving onto another topic...

Q15. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a national health plan, or Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT FAVOR-----			-----STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE-----			N	
	NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/Refused	
03/18	59	37	22	38	10	28	3	(n=1,212)
09/17	55	33	22	43	12	31	3	(n=581)
06/17	57	34	23	38	12	26	5	(n=611)

Q16. Next I'd like to ask you about a different type of health plan. This plan would include a national Medicare-for-all plan open to anyone who wants it. People who currently have other coverage could keep what they have. Would you (favor) or (oppose) this type of plan? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	03/18
Favor (NET)	75
Strongly favor	39
Somewhat favor	36
Oppose (NET)	20
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	11
Don't know/Refused	5

Q17a. Thinking about the upcoming elections, is a candidate's position on a national health plan an important factor in your vote, or not?

	03/18
Important factor	76
Not an important factor	22
Don't know/Refused	1

Q17b. Is a candidate's position on a national health plan the single most important factor in your vote, or is it important, but not the most important factor?

Based on those who believe a candidate's position on a national health plan is an important factor in their votes (n=917)

	03/18
Single most important factor	13
Important but not the most important factor	86
Don't know/Refused	1

Q17a/Q17b COMBO TABLE based on total

	03/18
Important factor	76
Single most important factor	10
Important but not the most important factor	66
Don't know/Refused	1
Not an important factor	22
Don't know/Refused	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

	03/18
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])?

	03/18
Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	1

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=1,110)

	03/18
Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	10
Plan you purchased yourself	7
Medicare	20
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	3

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table based on total

	03/18
Covered by health insurance	88
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	17
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	1

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on total 18-64 (n=810)

	03/18
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

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=810)

	03/18
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	7
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/ COVSELF / COVSELFOTHER Combo Table based on those ages 18-64 (n=810)

	03/18
Covered by health insurance (NET)	85
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	7
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
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	2
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

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=810)

	03/18
Covered by health insurance (NET)	85
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	7
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

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)

	03/18	02/18	11/15	11/14	01/14	06/13
Health insurance is something I need (or)	88	88	85	84	85	88
I'm healthy enough that I don't really need health insurance	11	11	14	14	14	11
Don't know/Refused	1	*	2	2	1	1
	(n=1,212)	(n=831)	(n=1352)	(n=1501)	(n=1506)	(n=1505)

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)

	03/18	02/18
Option A: Comprehensive coverage, that is health insurance that costs more, but covers almost every benefit you need	69	71
Option B: Affordable coverage, that is health insurance that costs less but does not cover every benefit you need	27	26
Don't know/Refused	4 (n=1,212)	3 (n=831)

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 your", 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)
- 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?

READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

RX. Do you currently take any prescription medicine or not?

	03/18	09/16	08/15	06/09/15	03/08
Yes, take	58	55	54	50	54
No, do not take	42	45	46	49	45
Don't know	--	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	1	--	--	--

RXMANY. How many different prescription drugs do you take?

Based on those who take Rx medicine

	03/18	09/16	08/15	03/08
1	21	23	23	28
2	19	21	22	20
3	16	14	16	16
4 or more	43	40	37	35
Don't know/Refused	1	2	2	1
	(n=783)	(n=716)	(n=743)	(n=1,029)

RX/RXMANY COMBO TABLE based on total

	03/18	09/16	08/15	03/08
Take Rx medicine	58	55	54	54
1	12	13	13	15
2	11	12	12	11
3	9	8	8	9
4 or more	25	22	20	19
Don't take Rx medicine	42	45	46	45
Don't know/Refused	*	1	*	*

RX2. In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford to pay the cost of your prescription medicine? Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

Based on those who take Rx medicine

	03/18	09/16	08/15	06/09/15
Very easy	43	45	45	48
Somewhat easy	31	28	27	28
Somewhat difficult	16	17	16	12
Very difficult	8	9	8	9
Don't have to pay (Vol.)	1	1	3	3
Don't know	*	*	1	1
Refused	1	--	--	--
	(n=783)	(n=716)	(n=743)	(n=686)

RX/RX2 COMBO TABLE based on total

	03/18	09/16	08/15	06/09/15
Take Rx medicine	58	55	54	50
Very easy to afford cost	25	25	24	24
Somewhat easy to afford cost	18	16	15	14
Somewhat difficult to afford cost	9	10	9	6
Very difficult to afford cost	5	5	4	5
Don't have to pay (VOL.)	1	*	2	1
Don't know/Refused	1	*	*	*
Don't take Rx medicine	42	45	46	49
Don't know	--	*	*	*
Refused	*	1	--	--

RSEX. Are you male or female?

	03/18
Male	48
Female	52
Other (Vol.)	--
Don't know	--
Refused ¹²	*

GENDER VARIABLE

	03/18
Male	48
Female	52
Other (Vol.)	--

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

	03/18
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	77
Excellent	17
Very good	31
Good	29
Only fair/Poor (NET)	23
Only fair	17
Poor	6
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?

	03/18	02/18	06/17	12/16
Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition	61	59	59	56
No, no one in household has pre-existing condition	37	40	39	44
Don't know	1	1	1	*
Refused	1	*	1	*

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

	03/18
Married	48
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	6
Divorced	9
Separated	4
Never been married	24
Don't know/Refused	1

¹² Refusals were coded by observation

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

	03/18
Employed (NET)	55
Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	9
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	6
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	03/18
Yes	80
No	19
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	03/18
Republican	24
Democrat	32
Independent	33
Or what/Other/None/No preference	8
Don't know/Refused	3

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

	03/18
Republican/Lean Republican	39
Democrat/Lean Democratic	49
Pure Independent	10
Undesignated	3

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	03/18
Democrat	32
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	8
Independent Lean Republican	15
Republican	24
Undesignated	4

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

	03/18
Liberal	25
Moderate	36
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	5

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?]

	03/18
Approve (NET)	41
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	18
Disapprove (NET)	56
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	46
Don't know/Refused	3

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

	03/18
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)	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	13
College grad+ (NET)	29
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	03/18
Yes	15
No	84
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

	03/18
White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	36
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
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=126)

	03/18
U.S.	51
Puerto Rico	1
Another country	47
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)

	03/18
Less than \$20,000	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	11
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	9
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	18
Don't know/Refused	10



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