## Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: June 2015

## METHODOLOGY

This Kaiser Health Tracking Poll was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted June 2-9, 2015, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,200 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 (480) and cell phone ( 720 , including 412 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. 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 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), 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 2014 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 | 1,200 | $\pm 3$ percentage points |
| Party Identification |  |  |
| Democrats | 362 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| Republicans | 291 | $\pm 7$ percentage points |
| Independents | 371 | $\pm 6$ percentage points |
| Insurance Status |  |  |
| Uninsured, ages 18-64 | 102 | $\pm 10$ percentage points |
| Insured, ages 18-64 | 742 | $\pm 4$ percentage points |
| Opinion of ACA |  |  |
| Favorable | 475 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Unfavorable | 512 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| Marketplace Type | 362 |  |
| State-run marketplaces | 838 | $\pm 4$ percentage points |
| Federal/Partnership marketplaces |  |  |
| Currently Taking Prescription Drugs | 686 | $\pm 4$ percentage points |
| Yes | 508 | $\pm 5$ percentage points |
| No |  |  |

Trend Information:
01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress (January 4-14, 2011)
03/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today/Harvard School of Public Health The Public on Prescription Drugs and Pharmaceutical Companies (January 3-23, 2008)
1.

As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. 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?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer "yes"] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

|  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 06/15 | 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 |
| 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 ${ }^{1}$ | 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 | 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 |

[^0]Q. 1 continued

|  | Very <br> favorable | Somewhat <br> favorable | Somewhat <br> unfavorable | Very <br> unfavorable | Don't know/ <br> Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $07 / 10$ | 21 | 29 | 10 | 25 | 14 |
| $06 / 10$ | 20 | 28 | 16 | 25 | 10 |
| $05 / 10$ | 14 | 27 | 12 | 32 | 14 |
| $04 / 10^{2}$ | 23 | 23 | 10 | 30 | 14 |

Is your impression of the health care law based mainly on (your own experience), (what you've seen and heard on television, radio, and in newspapers), (what you've learned from friends and family), or some other source? (READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

|  | $06 / 15$ | $01 / 15$ | $02 / 14$ | $02 / 13$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Your own experience | 30 | 28 | 23 | 22 |
| What you've seen and heard on television, radio, and newspapers | 35 | 40 | 44 | 45 |
| What you've learned from friends and family | 19 | 21 | 18 | 14 |
| Some other source | 5 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Internet/Online research/Website (VOL.) | 2 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| All/Combination (VOL.) | 2 | 1 | 3 | -- |
| Don't know/Refused | 8 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

3. 

What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

|  | $06 / 15$ | $04 / 15$ | $03 / 15$ | $01 / 15$ | $12 / 14$ | $11 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Expand what the law does | 24 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 24 | 22 |
| Move forward with implementing the law as it is | 19 | 22 | 23 | 19 | 21 | 20 |
| Scale back what the law does | 12 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 17 |
| Repeal the entire law | 29 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 31 | 29 |
| None of these/ something else (VOL.) | 7 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused | 10 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 |

4. So far, would you say the health care law has directly (helped) you and your family, directly (hurt) you and your family, or has it not had a direct impact? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

|  | $06 / 15$ | $04 / 15$ | $03 / 15$ | $01 / 15$ | $11 / 14$ | $10 / 14$ | $09 / 14$ | $07 / 14$ | $05 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helped | 19 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| Hurt | 24 | 22 | 22 | 25 | 24 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 24 |
| No direct impact | 54 | 56 | 57 | 57 | 59 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 60 |
| Both helped and hurt (VOL.) | 1 | 1 | $*$ | 1 | $*$ | 1 | 1 | $*$ | $*$ |
| Don't know/ Refused | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

[^1]|  | $06 / 15$ | $01 / 15$ | $03 / 14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I'm tired of hearing about the debate over the health care law and I think the <br> country should focus more on other issues (or) | 45 | 45 | 53 |
| I think it is important for the country to continue the debate over the health care <br> law (or) <br> Don't know/Refused | 49 | 50 | 42 |

READ: On another topic...
6. As you may have heard, the Supreme Court heard a case about whether the health care law says people in all states can be eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance or if financial help is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces. How much, if anything, have you heard about this case? A lot, some, only a little or nothing at all?

|  | $06 / 15$ | $03 / 15^{3}$ | $01 / 15^{4}$ | $12 / 14^{5}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A lot | 13 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Some | 14 | 13 | 9 | 11 |
| Only a little | 28 | 25 | 30 | 29 |
| Nothing at all | 44 | 53 | 56 | 55 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | $*$ | $*$ |

7. If the Supreme Court rules that financial help to buy health insurance is only available to low and moderate income people in states with state-run marketplaces, do you think Congress should pass a law so that people in all states can be eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance, or do you think Congress shouldn't act on this issue?

|  | $06 / 15$ | $03 / 15$ | $01 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Congress should pass a law | 63 | 65 | 64 |
| Congress shouldn't act on this issue | 26 | 29 | 27 |
| Don't know/ Refused | 12 | 6 | 9 |

8. As you may know, [your state uses the federal health insurance marketplace/your state has a partnership with the federal health insurance marketplace]. If the Supreme Court rules that financial help to buy health insurance is only available to low and moderate income people in states with state-run marketplaces, do you think your state should create its own marketplace, or not?

## Based on those living in states with federally-facilitated or partnership marketplaces

|  | $06 / 15$ | $01 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, should create its own marketplace | 55 | 59 |
| No, should not create its own marketplace | 32 | 29 |
| Don't know/ Refused | 13 | 12 |
|  | $(\mathrm{n}=838)$ | $(\mathrm{n}=1,050)$ |

[^2]9.

|  | Very closely | Fairly closely | Not too closely | Not at all closely | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Controversy over an expensive new drug to treat hepatitis C |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 61 | 1 |
| 01/15 | 5 | 10 | 21 | 62 | 1 |
| 09/14 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 65 | 2 |
| b. The Republican budget passed by the Senate |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 9 | 20 | 25 | 45 | 2 |
| c. Indiana's new law permitting a needle exchange program in response to an HIV outbreak |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 67 | 1 |
| d. The bill passed by the House of Representatives banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 15 | 24 | 20 | 39 | 2 |
| e. The 2016 presidential campaigns |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 25 | 31 | 18 | 26 | 1 |
| f. A ruling that it is illegal for the National Security Agency to collect large amounts of Americans' calling records |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 21 | 29 | 18 | 30 | 2 |
| g. Six Baltimore police officers indicted in the death of Freddie Gray |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 34 | 34 | 15 | 16 | 1 |
| h. FIFA officials indicted for corruption charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 15 | 21 | 24 | 38 | 1 |
| i. Conflicts involving ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in Iraq and Syria |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 33 | 36 | 17 | 13 | 1 |
| 12/14 | 32 | 38 | 15 | 14 | 1 |
| 11/14 | 34 | 37 | 17 | 12 | 1 |
| $10 / 14^{6}$ | 32 | 36 | 18 | 14 | 1 |


|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, has mostly recovered | 36 |
| No, has not | 46 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 18 |

[^3]READ: Now, thinking about prescription drugs...
11. In general, do you think the cost of prescription drugs is reasonable or unreasonable?

|  | $06 / 15$ | $03 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Reasonable | 22 | 18 |
| Unreasonable | 73 | 79 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 5 | 2 |

12. Do you think the cost of prescription drugs is unreasonable more because health insurance companies require people to pay too much of the cost for drugs or is it more because pharmaceutical companies set the drug prices too high?

Based on those who say cost of $R x$ drugs is unreasonable ( $n=885$ )

|  | 06/15 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Because health insurance companies require people to pay too much of the cost for drugs | 10 |
| Because pharmaceutical companies set the drug prices too high | 76 |
| Both (VOL.) | 10 |
| Neither/ Some other issue (VOL.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | 3 |
| Summary of Q11/Q12 based on total |  |
|  | 06/15 |
| Cost of Rx drugs is reasonable | 22 |
| Cost of Rx drugs is unreasonable | 73 |
| Health insurance companies require people to pay too much of the cost for drugs | 7 |
| Pharmaceutical companies set the drug prices too high | 55 |
| Both (VOL.) | 7 |
| Neither/ Some other issue (VOL.) | * |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 |

13. Next, I'm going to read you some factors that some people say contribute to the price of prescription drugs. For each, l'd like you to tell me if this is a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor contributing to the price of prescription drugs. First, what about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Is a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor contributing to the price of prescription drugs?

|  |  | Major <br> factor | Minor <br> factor | Not a <br> reason | Don't know/ <br> Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The cost of medical research |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $06 / 15$ | 64 | 28 | 6 | 3 |
| b. The cost of marketing and advertising | $03 / 08$ | 72 | 22 | 4 | 2 |
| c. Profits made by pharmaceutical companies | $06 / 15$ | 54 | 34 | 9 | 3 |
| d. The cost of lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies | $03 / 08$ | 62 | 29 | 8 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $06 / 15$ | 77 | 13 | 6 | 5 |
|  | $06 / 08$ | 79 | 14 | 5 | 2 |
|  | $03 / 08$ | 49 | 35 | 32 | 10 |

## ROTATE Q14 AND Q15

14. If a doctor recommends an expensive new drug to treat an illness when no lower-cost alternative exists, do you think (health insurance should always pay for it, even if it eventually leads to higher premiums for everyone), or do you think (individuals who need an expensive new drug should be required to cover all or most of the cost themselves)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

| Health insurance should always pay for it | 06/15 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Individuals should be required to cover the cost themselves | 71 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 17 |

## ROTATE Q14 AND Q15

15. If a doctor recommends an expensive new drug to treat an illness when no lower-cost alternative exists, do you think insurance companies should always pay for it, or should they only pay for the new drug if it has been proven to be more effective than existing treatments?

|  | $06 / 15$ | $03 / 08^{7}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Insurance companies should always pay for it <br> Insurance companies should only pay for the new drug if it has been proven to <br> be more effective than existing treatments | 37 | 38 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 58 | 58 |

16. I'd like your opinion of current government regulation of prescription drugs in some different areas. First, how about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-b, ALWAYS ASK c LAST)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Is there too much regulation in this area, not as much as there should be, or about the right amount of regulation?

|  | Too much regulation | Not as much as there should be | Right amount | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Making sure prescription drugs are safe for people to use |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 9 | 39 | 47 | 5 |
| 03/08 | 8 | 44 | 47 | 2 |
| b. Making sure that statements about benefits and possible side effects made in advertisements for prescription drugs are not misleading |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 10 | 36 | 47 | 7 |
| 03/08 | 6 | 43 | 48 | 2 |
| c. Limiting the price of prescription drugs |  |  |  |  |
| 06/15 | 12 | 53 | 28 | 7 |
| 03/08 | 11 | 64 | 21 | 4 |

[^4]17. What if you heard that limiting the prices of prescription drugs might lead to LESS research and development of new drugs since drug companies would be making smaller profits. Would you still think there should be more regulation of the prices charged for prescription drugs?

Based on those who think there is not as much regulation as there should be in limiting the price of $R x$ drugs

|  | $06 / 15$ | $03 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 73 | 75 |
| No | 20 | 20 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 7 | 4 |
|  | $(n=638)$ | $(n=1,101)$ |


| Summary of Q16c/Q17 based on total |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $06 / 15$ | $03 / 08$ |
| There is not as much regulation as there should be in limiting the price of Rx drugs | 53 | 64 |
| Still should be more regulation of the prices even if it might lead to less research | 39 | 48 |
| Should not be more regulation of the prices if it might lead to less research | 10 | 13 |
| Don't know/Refused | 4 | 3 |
| There is too much regulation in limiting the price of Rx drugs | 12 | 11 |
| There is about the right amount of regulation in limiting the price of Rx drugs | 28 | 21 |
| Don't know/Refused | 7 | 4 |

READ TO ALL: And, thinking about Medicare, the government health insurance program for seniors and some younger adults with long-term disabilities...
18. Would you favor or oppose allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on medications for people on Medicare? IF 'FAVOR' OR 'OPPOSE' ASK: Is that strongly or just somewhat?

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly favor | 63 |
| Somewhat favor | 24 |
| Somewhat oppose | 5 |
| Strongly oppose | 4 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 4 |

READ: On another topic...
19. In general, would you say your MENTAL health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT IS HESITANT SAY: "This information is completely confidential and will never be linked to your name.")

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Excellent | 40 |
| Very good | 30 |
| Good | 19 |
| Fair | 8 |
| Poor | 3 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 1 |

20. Overall, how well would you say your MENTAL health needs are being met today? Very well, somewhat well, not too well or not at all well?

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Very well | 68 |
| Somewhat well | 19 |
| Not too well | 3 |
| Not at all well | 4 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 5 |

21. In the past 6 months, have you taken a prescription medicine for problems with your emotions, nerves, or mental health, or not?

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 15 |
| No | 85 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | $*$ |

22. Please tell me if you have experienced a SERIOUS PROBLEM with any of the following in the last few years. Have you had a serious problem with (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) in the last few years, or not? How about a serious problem with (INSERT ITEM)? [READ IF NECESSARY: Have you had a serious problem with this in the last few years, or not?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Please make sure to read "a serious problem with" for each item]

|  | Yes, serious <br> problem | No, not a <br> serious <br> problem | Don't know/ <br> Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Difficulty sleeping or loss of sleep | 27 | 72 | 1 |
| b. Alcohol or drugs | 2 | 98 | $*$ |
| c. Difficulty controlling your temper | 7 | 92 | 1 |
| d. Strains in your marriage or other serious relationship | 11 | 88 | 1 |

23. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household had problems getting mental health care, such as counseling or treatment for depression or substance abuse, or not?

|  | $06 / 15$ | $02 / 13$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, had problems getting mental health care | 5 | 8 |
| No, have not had problems getting mental health care | 94 | 91 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 1 | 1 |

24. I'm going to read you a list of reasons, and for each, l'd like you to tell me if it was a reason you or someone in your household had problems getting mental health care. First/Next (INSERT, RANDOMIZE). [READ FIRST TIME AND AS NECESSARY: Was this a reason you or your family member had problems getting mental health care, or not?]

Based on had problems getting mental health care in the past 12 months (sample size insufficient to report)
Summary of Q23 and Q24 based on total

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, had problems getting mental health care | 5 |
| Couldn't afford the cost | 3 |
| Insurance wouldn't cover it | 2 |
| Didn't know where to go to get care | 2 |
| Afraid or embarrassed to seek care for a mental health problem | 2 |
| No, have not had problems getting mental health care | 94 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 1 |

25. As far as you know, under current law, are health insurance plans required to provide mental health benefits with the same rules about copays, deductibles, and coverage limits as other medical services, or can health insurance plans have separate rules for mental health benefits?

|  | $06 / 15$ | $02 / 13$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Insurance plans required to have same rules for mental health benefits as other | 38 | 38 |
| medical services | 42 | 40 |
| Insurance plans can have separate rules for mental health benefits | 20 | 22 |

READ: Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)
D6. (ASK IF DON’T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...?

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $18-29$ | 21 |
| $30-49$ | 34 |
| $50-64$ | 27 |
| 65 and older | 18 |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |

D4. 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])?

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Covered by health insurance | 87 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 12 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

D4a. 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 ( $n=1,084$ )

|  | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Plan through your employer | 36 |
| Plan through your spouse's employer | 11 |
| Plan you purchased yourself | 10 |
| Medicare | 19 |
| Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME] | 10 |
| Somewhere else | 5 |
| Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.) | 7 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |

26. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATESPECIFIC 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)
Summary D4, D4a, Q26 based on those ages 18-64 ( $\mathrm{n}=854$ )

| Covered by health insurance | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Employer | 35 |
| Spouse's employer | 11 |
| Self-purchased plan | 9 |
| Directly from an insurance company | 2 |
| From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME] | 3 |
| Through an insurance agent or broker | 3 |
| Somewhere else (VOL.) | $*$ |
| Don't know/Refused | $*$ |
| Medicare | 6 |
| Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name | 10 |
| Somewhere else | 4 |
| Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.) | 7 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 14 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

27. 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 purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)
Summary D4, D4a, Q26, and Q27 based on those ages 18-64 ( $\mathrm{n}=854$ )

| $06 / 15$ |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Covered by health insurance | 84 |
| Employer | 35 |
| Spouse's employer | 11 |
| Self-purchased plan | 9 |
| Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other | 5 |
| Marketplace plan | 1 |
| Non-marketplace plan | 2 |
| Not sure/Refused | 3 |
| From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME] | 3 |
| Medicare | 6 |
| Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name | 10 |
| Somewhere else | 4 |
| Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.) | 7 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |
| Not covered by health insurance | 14 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

28. How long have you been uninsured - less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured ( $n=102$ )

| Less than 3 months | $06 / 15$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 3 months to less than a year | 16 |
| 1 year to less than 2 years | 11 |
| 2 years or more | 10 |
| Don't know/Refused | 63 |
|  | -- |
| Summary of D4 and Q28 based on those ages 18-64 (n=854) |  |
| Covered by health insurance | $06 / 15$ |
| Not covered by health insurance | 84 |
| Less than 3 months | 14 |
| 3 months to less than a year |  |
| 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 |
| 2 years or more |  |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

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

|  | $06 / 15$ | $03 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 50 | 54 |
| No | 49 | 45 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | $*$ | $*$ |

30. 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 ( $n=686$ )

|  | 06/15 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Very easy | 48 |
| Somewhat easy | 28 |
| Somewhat difficult | 12 |
| Very difficult | 9 |
| Don't have to pay (VOL.) | 3 |
| Don't Know/ Refused | 1 |
| Summary of Q29 and Q30 based on total |  |
|  | 06/15 |
| Take Rx medicine | 50 |
| Very easy to afford cost | 24 |
| Somewhat easy to afford cost | 14 |
| Somewhat difficult to afford cost | 6 |
| Very difficult to afford cost | 5 |
| Don't have to pay (VOL.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | * |
| Don't take Rx medicine | 49 |
| Don't know/Refused | * |

31. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (READ AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not? INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE READ "BECAUSE OF THE COST" AFTER EACH ITEM.

|  |  | Yes | No | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Not filled a prescription for a medicine |  |  |  |  |
|  | 06/15 | 18 | 81 | 1 |
|  | 05/12 | 24 | 75 | 1 |
|  | 08/11 | 25 | 74 | 1 |
|  | 03/11 | 21 | 78 | * |
|  | 12/10 | 26 | 73 | * |
|  | 06/10 | 20 | 79 | 1 |
|  | 03/10 | 26 | 74 | * |
|  | 12/09 | 24 | 76 | * |
|  | 11/09 | 26 | 74 | * |
|  | 09/09 | 26 | 73 | * |
|  | 07/09 | 20 | 80 | * |
|  | 06/09 | 26 | 74 | 1 |
|  | 04/09 | 29 | 71 | 1 |
|  | 02/09 | 21 | 78 | * |
|  | 10/08 | 27 | 72 | * |
|  | 04/08 | 22 | 78 | * |
|  | 04/05 | 20 | 79 | * |
|  | 01/00 | 13 | 87 | * |
| b. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine |  |  |  |  |
|  | 06/15 | 12 | 88 | * |
|  | 05/12 | 16 | 83 | * |
|  | 08/11 | 17 | 82 | 1 |
|  | 03/11 | 15 | 85 | * |
|  | 12/10 | 20 | 80 | * |
|  | 06/10 | 16 | 84 | 1 |
|  | 03/10 | 21 | 79 | - |
|  | 12/09 | 18 | 81 | 1 |
|  | 11/09 | 17 | 83 | * |
|  | 09/09 | 21 | 78 | 1 |
|  | 07/09 | 15 | 84 | * |
|  | 06/09 | 19 | 80 | 1 |
|  | 04/09 | 18 | 81 | 1 |
|  | 02/09 | 15 | 85 | * |
|  | 10/08 | 22 | 78 | * |
|  | 04/08 | 18 | 81 | * |
|  | 04/05 | 16 | 84 | * |

D1. Record respondent's sex
Male 49
Female 51

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?
Married 45

Living with a partner 7
Widowed 7
Divorced 10
Separated 3
Never been married 27
Don't know/Refused 1

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)
Employed full-time 43

Employed part-time 12
Unemployed and currently seeking employment 6
Unemployed and not seeking employment 2
A student 7
Retired 16
On disability and can't work 6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent? 6
Don't know/Refused *
32. Thinking about your family's financial situation, would you say you are living comfortably, just getting by, or struggling to make ends meet?

| Living comfortably | 49 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Just getting by | 37 |
| Struggling to make ends meet | 13 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

33. During the past year, have you or has someone else living in your household (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

|  |  | Don't know/ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | 14 | 85 |
| Refused |  |  |  |

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

| Republican | 23 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Democrat | 30 |
| Independent | 31 |
| Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party | 9 |
| Don't know/Refused | 8 |

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

| Summary D8 and D8a based on total |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Republican/Lean Republican | 35 |
| Democrat/Lean Democratic | 44 |
| Other/Don't lean/Don't know | 22 |
|  |  |
| Five-Point Party ID | 30 |
| Democrat | 13 |
| Independent Lean Democratic | 21 |
| Independent/Don't lean | 12 |
| Independent Lean Republican | 23 |
| Republican | 1 |

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?
Liberal 24
Moderate 33
Conservative 36
Don't know/Refused 7

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling) 4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma) 5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate) 31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college) 21
Two year associate degree from a college/university 10
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree 16
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 (VOL.) 1

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?
D13. 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?)

White, non-Hispanic 65
Total non-White 34
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic 11
Hispanic 15
Asian, non-Hispanic 4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic 3
Undesignated
2

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?
Based on Hispanics ( $n=155$ )
U.S.
48
Puerto Rico *
Another country 50
Don't know/Refused 2

D14. Last year-that is, in 2014-what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000 18
$\$ 20,000$ to less than $\$ 30,000 \quad 12$
$\$ 30,000$ to less than $\$ 40,000 \quad 10$
$\$ 40,000$ to less than $\$ 50,000 \quad 11$
$\$ 50,000$ to less than $\$ 75,000 \quad 13$
$\$ 75,000$ to less than $\$ 90,000 \quad 7$
$\$ 90,000$ to less than $\$ 100,000$
$\$ 100,000$ or more 14
Don't know/Refused 13

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.

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[^0]:    1 May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year..."

[^1]:    2 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?)"

[^2]:    3 Trend wording was "As you may have heard, the Supreme Court just heard a case about whether the health care law says people in all states can be eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance or if financial help is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces..."
    4 Trend wording was "As you may have heard, the Supreme Court will hear a case about whether the health care law says people in all states can be eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance or if financial help is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces..."
    5 Trend wording was "As you may have heard, the Supreme Court recently announced it will hear a case about whether low-and moderate-income people in states with federally-run marketplaces will remain eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance in states with state-run marketplaces..."

[^3]:    6 October 2014 trend for this item was "Airstrikes by the U.S. and others against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria".

[^4]:    72008 trend wording was "If a doctor recommends an expensive new drug, do you think insurance companies should always pay for it, or should they only pay for the new drug if it has been proven to be more effective than existing treatments?"

