

TO: Coalition for Medicare Choices
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RE: Survey Results: Importance of Protecting Funding for Medicare Advantage

KEY FINDINGS

Senior Voters Are Satisfied with Medicare Advantage

- **Voters with Medicare Advantage are more satisfied** than voters with original Medicare with their health care coverage.
 - Nine in ten (93%) are *satisfied* with Medicare Advantage, compared to 83% who are *satisfied* with original Medicare.
- Nearly all (96%) voters on Medicare Advantage **would recommend their coverage** to their families or friends based on their personal experience.
- Voters on Medicare Advantage **are satisfied with a majority of the health care benefits** they receive.
 - Over half of voters on Medicare Advantage are *very satisfied* with their prescription drug coverage (58%) and preventative services (63%) they receive.
- Access to quality care (87%), personal costs (88%), and the benefits that are covered (86%) are *very important* aspects of Medicare coverage to a large majority of voters on Medicare. When asked to choose, a plurality of voters on Medicare (24%) say the benefits that are covered are the *most important* aspect of Medicare.
- Three in four voters on Medicare Advantage (78%) say care coordination is an important benefit when choosing a health care plan.

Senior Voters Want Government to Protect Medicare Advantage Funding

- Funding Medicare Advantage is an important issue to voters on Medicare.
 - Three in four (72%) senior voters say **it is important that the federal government protect funding** for Medicare Advantage.
 - Two in three voters on Medicare (65%) think the federal government should **fund Medicare Advantage at a rate that fully covers increasing health care costs**.
- Seniors' vote is positively impacted by a Congress' member's support for Medicare Advantage funding.
 - Two in three voters on Medicare (66%) would be **more likely to vote for their Member of Congress** if they supported more funding for Medicare Advantage.

Senior Voters' Concern About Higher Costs

- Inflation causing heightened concerns to voters on Medicare Advantage.
 - Four in five (82%) voters on Medicare Advantage say recent reports about **rising inflation rates** impact their level of concern about cuts to current benefits in Medicare Advantage.
- Changes to Medicare Part B and D would impact voters' ability to afford their health care expenses.
 - If Medicare Part B monthly premiums were to increase to \$21.60 each month, 62% of voters on Medicare say this would impact their ability to afford health care and other necessary expenses.
 - Additionally, 66% of voters on Medicare say **if Medicare Part D premiums were to increase 10-20% their ability to afford health care and other necessary expenses would be impacted**.
- Increased Medicare premiums would impact ability to afford health care and other necessities.
 - Three in four (74%) of voters on Medicare Advantage say **their ability to afford health care and other necessary expenses would be impacted if their Medicare premiums increased**, including 35% that say they would be *significantly impacted*.

This poll was conducted between December 3-6, 2021 among a national sample of 2,000 senior voters on original Medicare (n=910) and Medicare Advantage (n=1,090). The interviews were conducted online and data were weighted to approximate a target sample of senior voters on Medicare based on gender, age, educational attainment, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/-2%.