

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** with their health care coverage than voters with original Medicare.
 - Nine in ten (94%) are *satisfied* with Medicare Advantage, compared to 87% who are *satisfied* with original Medicare.
- Nine in ten (93%) voters with Medicare Advantage **would recommend their coverage** to their families or friends based on their personal experience.
- Voters with Medicare Advantage **are overwhelmingly satisfied with the health care benefits** they receive.
 - A strong majority of voters with Medicare Advantage are satisfied with access (95%) and affordability (90%) of medical care through their Medicare Advantage coverage.
 - Among rural voters with Medicare Advantage, nearly all (96%) are satisfied with access of medical care through their Medicare Advantage coverage.
 - Nine in ten voters with Medicare Advantage are *satisfied* with their prescription drug coverage (90%, including 60% *very satisfied*) and preventive services they receive (92%, including 64% *very satisfied*).
- Access to quality care (86%), personal costs (86%), and the benefits that are covered (84%) are *very important* aspects of Medicare coverage to a large majority of voters with Medicare. When asked to choose, voters with Medicare are split between the benefits that are covered (23%) and personal costs (24%) as the *most important* aspect of their Medicare coverage.
- A strong majority of voters with Medicare Advantage say prescription drug coverage (97%), the cap on out-of-pocket costs (95%), preventive services (94%), care coordination (79%), and mental health support (65%) are important benefits when choosing a health plan.

Senior Voters Want the Government to Protect Medicare Advantage Funding

- Funding Medicare Advantage is an important issue to senior voters.
 - Four in five senior voters say **it is important that the federal government (82%) and Biden Administration (79%) protect funding for Medicare Advantage**, including a bipartisan majority of senior voters.
 - Seven in ten senior voters (70%) think the federal government should **fund Medicare Advantage at a rate that fully covers increasing health care costs**, including a bipartisan majority of senior voters (Dem. 79%, Ind. 63%, Rep. 66%).
- Seniors' vote is positively impacted by a Congress Member's support for Medicare Advantage funding.
 - Seven in ten senior voters (71%) would be **more likely to vote for their Member of Congress** if they supported more funding for Medicare Advantage, including a bipartisan majority of senior voters.

Senior Voters' Concern About Higher Costs

- Inflation is causing heightened concerns to voters with Medicare Advantage.
 - Three in four (76%) voters with Medicare Advantage say recent reports about **rising inflation rates** impact their level of concern about cuts to current benefits in Medicare Advantage.
- Increased Medicare premiums would impact the ability to afford health care and other necessities.
 - Seven in ten (72%) voters with Medicare Advantage say **their ability to afford health care and other necessary expenses would be impacted if their Medicare premiums increased**, including 33% who say they would be *significantly impacted*.

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	Senior Voters with Medicare	Dem. Senior Voters	Ind. Senior Voters	Rep. Senior Voters	Rural Senior Voters	Urban Senior Voters
% Important the Federal Government Protect Funding for Medicare Advantage	82%	86%	76%	82%	79%	87%
% Important the Biden Administration Protect Funding for Medicare Advantage	79%	88%	80%	70%	77%	74%
% Think The Government Should Fund Medicare Advantage at a Rate That Fully Covers Increasing Health Care Costs	70%	79%	63%	66%	69%	74%
% More Likely to Vote for their Member of Congress If They Supported More Funding For Medicare Advantage	71%	78%	66%	67%	65%	76%

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