



COVERING CHILDREN AT THE TOP OF PUBLIC PRIORITIES FOR HEALTH REFORM

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The following are results from a public opinion survey analyzing support for the inclusion of various provisions as part of legislation to reform our nation's health care system.

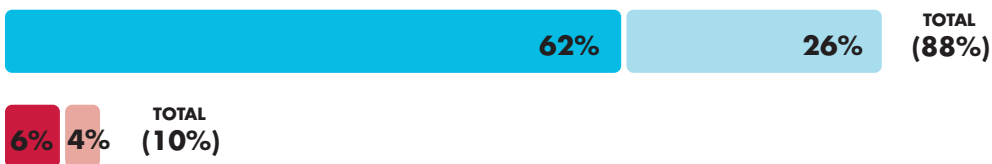
The random digit telephone survey was conducted by Opinion Research Corporation (ORC). ORC used a national probability sample of 1,013 adults comprising 510 men and 503 women 18 years of age and older. Interviewing for this survey was completed during the period of January 28-31, 2010.

Respondents were asked to gauge their support for a total of ten provisions that may be included in the final health reform legislation currently being considered by Congress.

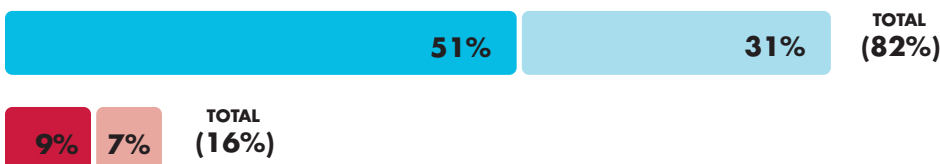
1. A provision that ensures all children have health care coverage



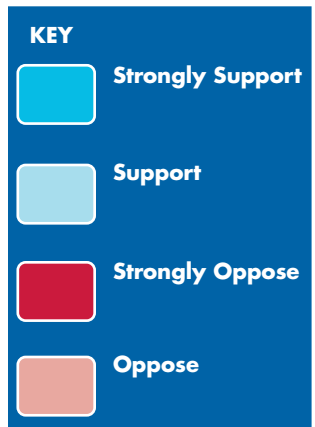
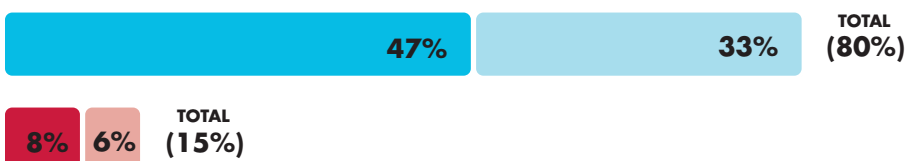
2. Tax credits to small businesses to help them defray the cost of providing health benefits to workers



3. Insurance market reforms that offer an opportunity for young adults up to age 26 to continue coverage on their parents plan



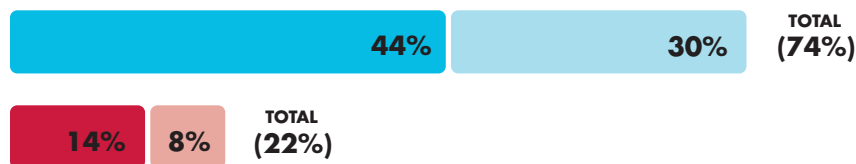
4. Funding to states to establish a marketplace, known as an "insurance exchange," where consumers and small businesses could buy health care coverage



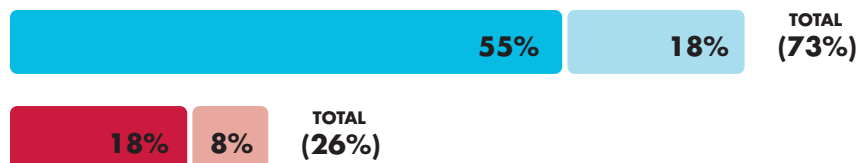
5. Insurance market reforms that would stop insurers from charging women more than men



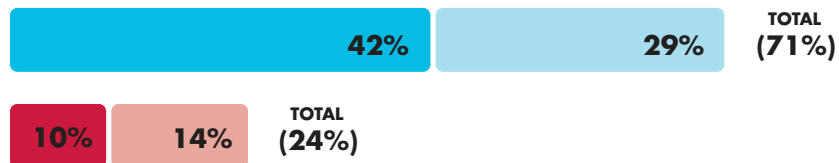
6. Changes to Medicare that would reduce growth in payments to doctors and hospitals while rewarding those who provide high-quality, lower-cost care



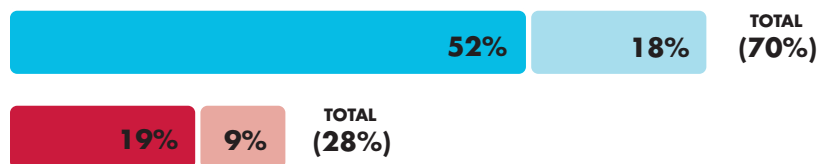
7. Insurance market reforms that prohibit insurers from denying coverage based on pre-existing medical conditions



8. Incentives for states to expand Medicaid to cover childless adults and parents



9. Insurance market reforms that prohibit health plans from charging patients more for going outside their network in an emergency



10. Changes to Medicare that would narrow a gap in Medicare coverage of prescription drugs, sometimes known as the “doughnut hole”

