

New 50-state poll shows perils of so-called Medicare “negotiation”

A new large-scale [survey](#) of 20,000 Americans covering all 50 states and 435 Congressional districts shows a majority of Americans find health care coverage costs unreasonable and a priority health care issue for policymakers to address today. The survey also shows that a majority of voters in every state and district oppose Medicare “negotiation” once they learn the policy could harm access and innovation.

Here are the key findings from the survey¹:

Americans Reject “Negotiation” After Learning it Could Limit Access to Newer Prescription Medicines

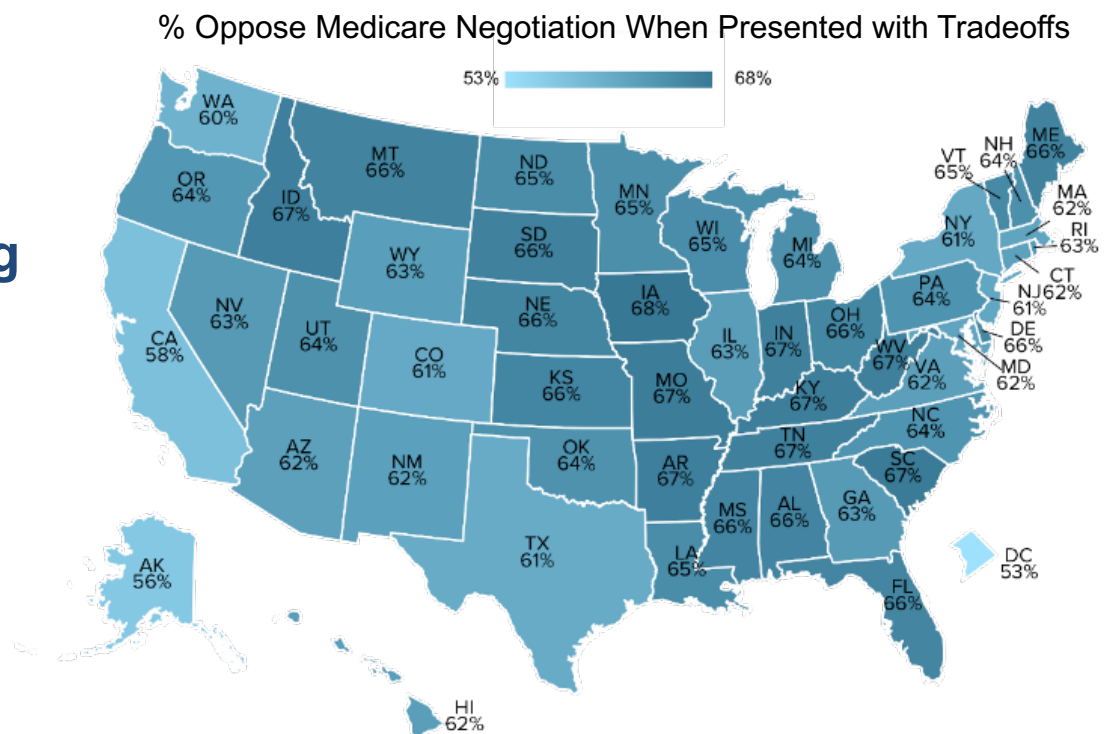
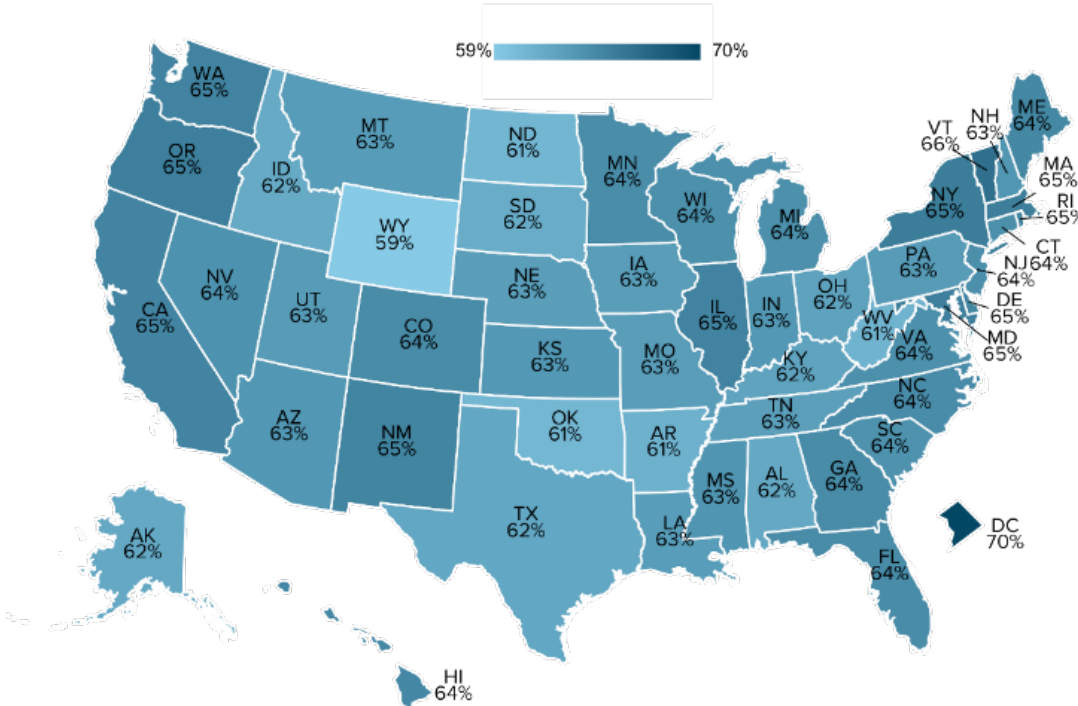


Figure 1: Morning Consult/PHARMA National Tracking Poll October 29 - November 12, 2021

A majority of Americans in every state and the District of Columbia oppose government “negotiation” as a way to address health care costs if it could:

- Take away power from doctors to prescribe the medicines that best meet the needs of their patients, and instead put the government in charge of those decisions – on average **66%** oppose.
- Limit people’s access to newer prescription drugs – on average **64%** oppose (see Figure 1 above).
- Reduce access to medicines for seniors and people with disabilities – on average **62%** oppose.

% Prefer Congress Focus on Reducing Overall Cost of Health Care Coverage



Americans Believe Congress Should Focus on Reducing the Overall Cost of Health Care Coverage

Figure 2: Morning Consult/PhRMA National Tracking Poll October 29 - November 12, 2021

Americans concerned with rising health care costs believe Congress should prioritize reducing the overall cost of coverage:

- **30%** of Americans, on average, are concerned with out-of-pocket costs not covered by insurance and **29%** are concerned with the cost of health insurance premiums.
- **66%** of Americans, on average, believe Congress should focus on reducing the overall cost of health care coverage (see Figure 2), (23% of Americans want them to focus on prescription drug costs, and 13% don't know enough to say).
- **66%** of Americans from all states and Congressional districts, on average, find their out-of-pocket health care costs **“unreasonable.”**

Americans are clear in their **opposition to so-called Medicare “negotiation” policies**. They want Congress to focus on **patient-centered solutions** that address the real health care issues they face, like rising out-of-pocket costs and health insurance premiums, while preserving access, innovation and choice. Learn how at PhRMA.org/BetterWay.

For more details on the survey's findings and methodology click [here](#).