

## Morning Consult/PhRMA Tracking Poll, October 12, 2021

- How important is it to you, if at all, that the U.S. federal budget and any big spending legislation from Congress have bipartisan support?
  - 38%, Very important
  - 31%, Somewhat important
  - 10%, Not too important
  - 5%, Not at all important
  - 16%, Not sure
- How knowledgeable are you about the budget reconciliation package currently being considered in Congress? (N=1,014)
  - 11%, Very knowledgeable
  - 41%, Somewhat knowledgeable
  - 33%, Not too knowledgeable
  - 10%, Not at all knowledgeable/Never heard of it
  - 6%, Not sure
- How concerned, if at all, are you about the national debt?
  - 43%, Very concerned
  - 36%, Somewhat concerned
  - 12%, Not too concerned
  - 5%, Not at all concerned
  - 5%, Not sure
- As you may know, budget reconciliation is a unique process that allows legislation related to taxes, spending and debt limits to advance with just a simple majority in the Senate, rather than the 60 votes usually required. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Budget reconciliation is being misused right now to process a lot of new social spending and not to balance the budget or manage debt.
  - 31%, Strongly agree
  - 26%, Somewhat agree
  - 12%, Somewhat disagree
  - 12%, Strongly disagree
  - 19%, Don't know/no opinion
- As a reminder, the \$3.5 trillion social spending package being considered under budget reconciliation contains proposals related to Medicare drug pricing. The following are potential outcomes of the proposal for Medicare drug pricing negotiations. How concerned are you about each as a potential consequence if the government starts to negotiate Medicare drug pricing directly with prescription drug companies?
  - It could take power away from doctors to prescribe the medicines that work best for patients and give that power over to the federal government to decide what is best for the patient
    - 45%, Very concerned
    - 27%, Somewhat concerned
    - 10%, Not too concerned
    - 8%, Not at all concerned

- 11%, Not sure
- It could make the country more dependent on Chinese pharmaceuticals due to reduced domestic research and development
  - 43%, Very concerned
  - 25%, Somewhat concerned
  - 13%, Not too concerned
  - 8%, Not at all concerned
  - 12%, Not sure
- It could rely on a calculation of the value of a patient's life as part of negotiations to determine medicine prices and access
  - 40%, Very concerned
  - 29%, Somewhat concerned
  - 11%, Not too concerned
  - 7%, Not at all concerned
  - 13%, Not sure
- It could generate savings for the government without actually lowering the cost that patients will pay for medicines at the pharmacy counter
  - 37%, Very concerned
  - 31%, Somewhat concerned
  - 12%, Not too concerned
  - 6%, Not at all concerned
  - 14%, Not sure
- It could generate savings for the government without requiring that savings are put toward health care program
  - 31%, Very concerned
  - 32%, Somewhat concerned
  - 14%, Not too concerned
  - 6%, Not at all concerned
  - 15%, Not sure
- It could slow research, development and innovation in new treatments and cures for Alzheimer's, cancer and other conditions
  - 37%, Very concerned
  - 30%, Somewhat concerned
  - 14%, Not too concerned
  - 7%, Not at all concerned
  - 12%, Not sure
- It could endanger patient lives, as many or more lives as threatened by COVID, if fewer new medicines are available to patients
  - 39%, Very concerned
  - 31%, Somewhat concerned
  - 12%, Not too concerned
  - 7%, Not at all concerned
  - 11%, Not sure

- Do you support or oppose requiring that any government savings on prescription drugs are used only fund health care-related programs?
  - 32%, Strongly support
  - 33%, Somewhat support
  - 11%, Somewhat oppose
  - 5%, Strongly oppose
  - 20%, Don't know/no opinion
- The following are potential options to utilize the government savings on prescription drugs in Medicare. Do you support or oppose each of the following options to use these savings? Pass on the savings directly to seniors and people with disabilities so that they pay less for drugs at the pharmacy
  - 50%, Strongly support
  - 30%, Somewhat support
  - 6%, Somewhat oppose
  - 3%, Strongly oppose
  - 11%, Don't know/no opinion
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Moderates on Capitol Hill are right to caution against large amounts of spending, while the economy is still recovering from COVID-19
  - 40%, Strongly agree
  - 29%, Somewhat agree
  - 12%, Somewhat disagree
  - 6%, Strongly disagree
  - 12%, Don't know/no opinion

*Methodology:*

This poll was conducted between October 9-October 12, 2021 among a sample of 1997 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

**Morning Consult/PhRMA Tracking Poll, October 28-29, 2021**

- Now, thinking about your vote, what would you say is the top set of issues on your mind when you cast your vote for federal offices such as U.S. Senate or Congress?
  - 37%, Economic Issues – like taxes, wages, jobs, unemployment, and spending
  - 18%, Security Issues – like terrorism, foreign policy, and border security
  - 15%, Health Care Issues – like the 2010 health care law, Medicaid, other challenges
  - 13%, Seniors Issues – like Medicare and Social Security
  - 4%, Women's Issues – like birth control, abortion, and equal pay
  - 4%, Education Issues – like school standards, class sizes, school choice, and student loans
  - 5%, Energy Issues – like carbon emissions, cost of electricity/gasoline, or renewables

- 5%, Other
- How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
  - Policymakers can lower patient's health care costs, while keeping access to innovative, life-saving treatments.
    - 39%, Strongly agree
    - 36%, Somewhat agree
    - 9%, Somewhat disagree
    - 4%, Strongly disagree
    - 13%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Congress needs to focus on common-sense health care reforms that help patients get care and save money.
    - 50%, Strongly agree
    - 33%, Somewhat agree
    - 6%, Somewhat disagree
    - 3%, Strongly disagree
    - 9%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Making sure that seniors and people with disabilities have access to innovative medicines is more important than finding ways to cut costs in health care
    - 32%, Strongly agree
    - 34%, Somewhat agree
    - 14%, Somewhat disagree
    - 6%, Strongly disagree
    - 13%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Whether it's fully recovering from the pandemic, making our economy work better for everyone, dealing with inflation and product shortages or bringing the price of prescription drugs under control, we need to come together as Americans to find solutions.
    - 53%, Strongly agree
    - 28%, Somewhat agree
    - 6%, Somewhat disagree
    - 4%, Strongly disagree
    - 9%, Don't know/no opinion
  - I worry that drug pricing proposals being considered by Congress could undermine future innovation in medicine that is needed to improve and save lives. (N=1,079)
    - 22%, Strongly agree
    - 33%, Somewhat agree
    - 14%, Somewhat disagree
    - 13%, Strongly disagree
    - 18%, Don't know/no opinion
  - I worry that drug pricing proposals being considered by Congress could have unintended consequences and make it more difficult for some patients to access the medicines they need through Medicare. (N=919)
    - 35%, Strongly agree

- 35%, Somewhat agree
    - 12%, Somewhat disagree
    - 5%, Strongly disagree
    - 15%, Don't know/no opinion
  - The U.S. needs to support the talent and innovation that developed therapies and life-saving cures—including COVID-19 vaccines.
    - 37%, Strongly agree
    - 37%, Somewhat agree
    - 9%, Somewhat disagree
    - 5%, Strongly disagree
    - 11%, Don't know/no opinion
- Below are some policies that the President and U.S. Congress could pursue to address prescription drug costs. For each one, please indicate whether you favor or oppose the policy:
  - Strengthen the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review and get generic prescription medicines to market faster to increase competition and lower costs. (N=1,119)
    - 49%, Favor – strongly
    - 28%, Favor – not strongly
    - 6%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 4%, Oppose – strongly
    - 13%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Have stronger trade agreements that protect American intellectual property around the world (N=1,144)
    - 40%, Favor – strongly
    - 26%, Favor – not strongly
    - 8%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 5%, Oppose – strongly
    - 21%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Require Medicare Part D insurance plans to set a maximum limit for what seniors pay out of pocket for prescription medicines in each year (N=1,099)
    - 49%, Favor – strongly
    - 24%, Favor – not strongly
    - 7%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 4%, Oppose – strongly
    - 17%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Place a cap on the amount health insurers can make patients pay out of pocket for their deductibles, copays and other out of pocket costs. (N=1,076)
    - 52%, Favor – strongly
    - 24%, Favor – not strongly
    - 6%, Oppose – not strongly
    - 5%, Oppose – strongly
    - 13%, Don't know/no opinion

- Give health insurers more incentives to keep costs of health plans manageable for people who are sick and take prescription medicines. (N=1,144)
  - 45%, Favor – strongly
  - 31%, Favor – not strongly
  - 7%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – strongly
  - 13%, Don't know/no opinion
- Ensure that deductibles are lower and more affordable so that insurance kicks in earlier when you need to use it (N=1,104)
  - 54%, Favor – strongly
  - 26%, Favor – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 3%, Oppose – strongly
  - 12%, Don't know/no opinion
- Ensure more predictability in health care so that people know how much they will pay for things like prescription drugs every month (N=1,120)
  - 51%, Favor – strongly
  - 28%, Favor – not strongly
  - 6%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 3%, Oppose – strongly
  - 12%, Don't know/no opinion
- Require health insurance companies to be more transparent about what drugs are covered and what you will pay out of pocket for prescription medicines (N=550)
  - 57%, Favor – strongly
  - 22%, Favor – not strongly
  - 7%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 3%, Oppose – strongly
  - 10%, Don't know/no opinion
- Require hospitals and clinics to be more transparent about how much they mark-up the costs for prescription medicines (N=567)
  - 58%, Favor – strongly
  - 21%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – strongly
  - 12%, Don't know/no opinion
- Require hospitals to use the discounts they receive on prescription medicines to help patients in need instead of using those discounts for other purposes (N=565)
  - 51%, Favor – strongly
  - 24%, Favor – not strongly
  - 8%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – strongly
  - 13%, Don't know/no opinion

- Require health insurance companies to pass along to patients more of the discounts on prescription medicines they negotiate with biopharmaceutical companies. (N=544)
  - 56%, Favor – strongly
  - 22%, Favor – not strongly
  - 8%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 3%, Oppose – strongly
  - 10%, Don't know/no opinion
- Make sure that the rebate rule policy is implemented in Medicare Part D, so seniors have lower out-of-pocket costs at the pharmacy counter after health plans start passing along the discounts they receive (N=530)
  - 47%, Favor – strongly
  - 25%, Favor – not strongly
  - 5%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 4%, Oppose – strongly
  - 19%, Don't know/no opinion
- Which one of the following issues, if any, do you think is the most important issue that needs to be addressed in the U.S.? (N=1,031)
  - 4%, Crime
  - 3%, Education
  - 6%, Health insurance costs and coverage
  - 17%, Immigration and border security
  - 4%, National security and terrorism
  - 2%, Prescription drug costs
  - 3%, Race relations
  - 4%, Taxes
  - 23%, The coronavirus
  - 24%, The economy/jobs
  - 8%, The environment or climate change
  - 3%, None of these issues
- Candidate E is running for Congress. Candidate E proposes to bring prescription drug prices down without jeopardizing the innovation needed to stay on top of the pandemic and without risking American jobs. Key elements of the plan will lower drug costs for seniors, promote competition, eliminate loopholes, and fight for patients by placing limits on insurers and drug companies. Do you favor or oppose Candidate E's plan?
  - 50%, Favor – strongly
  - 27%, Favor – not strongly
  - 6%, Oppose – not strongly
  - 2%, Oppose – strongly
  - 15%, Don't know/no opinion
- How concerned are you that drug pricing proposals in Congress could undermine investments in the research and development of new medicines made by pharmaceutical companies? (N=959)
  - 24%, Very concerned

- 39%, Somewhat concerned
- 17%, Not too concerned
- 7%, Not at all concerned
- 13%, Not sure
- How concerned are you that drug pricing proposals in Congress could undermine the availability and access that patients have to new medicines made by pharmaceutical companies? (N=1,039)
  - 30%, Very concerned
  - 41%, Somewhat concerned
  - 13%, Not too concerned
  - 4%, Not at all concerned
  - 12%, Not sure
- If you knew the drug pricing proposals in Congress could undermine the country's engine of innovation, in effect, harming investments in research and development of new medicines that improve and save lives, would you be more concerned or less concerned about the drug pricing proposals in Congress, or would there be no difference in your opinion either way?
  - 26%, Much more concerned
  - 38%, Somewhat more concerned
  - 31%, No difference either way
  - 3%, Somewhat less concerned
  - 2%, Much less concerned

*Methodology:*

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- How important, if at all, is it to you personally to have a variety of drug choices to compare and choose from?
  - 42%, Very important
  - 35%, Somewhat important
  - 13%, Not too important
  - 3%, Not at all important
  - 7%, Don't know/no opinion
- How knowledgeable would you say you are on the topic of 'formularies' in health insurance?
  - 5%, I am an expert
  - 15%, I know a lot about it
  - 27%, I know at least something about it, but I'm not very familiar with it
  - 19%, I know the name, but nothing about it

- 34%, I know nothing about it
- Do you agree or disagree with each of the following?
  - Formularies aren't doing much to save money in the health care system (N=940)
    - 25%, Strongly agree
    - 34%, Somewhat agree
    - 10%, Somewhat disagree
    - 4%, Strongly disagree
    - 27%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Formularies benefit insurance companies more than patients (N=1,020)
    - 34%, Strongly agree
    - 30%, Somewhat agree
    - 10%, Somewhat disagree
    - 4%, Strongly disagree
    - 22%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Formularies restrict access to medicines for patients (N=971)
    - 28%, Strongly agree
    - 33%, Somewhat agree
    - 11%, Somewhat disagree
    - 5%, Strongly disagree
    - 23%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Formularies restrict access to medicines and patients still aren't seeing lower drug prices (N=1,023)
    - 28%, Strongly agree
    - 36%, Somewhat agree
    - 9%, Somewhat disagree
    - 3%, Strongly disagree
    - 25%, Don't know/no opinion
  - Formularies do not do a good job of covering the medicines Americans need and still aren't keeping the cost of medicines down (N=944)
    - 25%, Strongly agree
    - 35%, Somewhat agree
    - 9%, Somewhat disagree
    - 4%, Strongly disagree
    - 26%, Don't know/no opinion
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:
  - I would trade my current coverage in favor of a system that resembles the VA (N=1,933)
    - 10%, Strongly agree
    - 19%, Somewhat agree
    - 17%, Somewhat disagree
    - 26%, Strongly disagree
    - 28%, Don't know

- The 'one-size-fits-all' VA Health model is appropriately designed to meet the needs of military veterans but might not be an appropriate structure for government programs that serve a broader population of Americans.
  - 19%, Strongly agree
  - 31%, Somewhat agree
  - 14%, Somewhat disagree
  - 10%, Strongly disagree
  - 25%, Don't know
- How familiar are you with how the Veterans Health Administration (VA) operates for prescription drug coverage?
  - 13%, Very familiar
  - 22%, Somewhat familiar
  - 27%, Not too familiar
  - 38%, Not familiar at all
- The following are possible implications of proposals that could extend access to VA's pricing for prescription medicines to Medicare. For each of the following statements, would it make you more likely or less likely to support the proposal to extend access to VA's pricing for prescription medicines to Medicare?
  - It could lead to increased costs, such as higher copays, for Veterans.
    - 9%, Much more likely to support the proposal
    - 13%, Somewhat more likely to support the proposal
    - 29%, No impact on my support for the proposal
    - 26%, Somewhat less likely to support the proposal
    - 23%, Much less likely to support the proposal
  - It could divert resources from other veteran priorities, such as toxic exposures/burn pits, mental health and suicide prevention and more.
    - 12%, Much more likely to support the proposal
    - 13%, Somewhat more likely to support the proposal
    - 32%, No impact on my support for the proposal
    - 25%, Somewhat less likely to support the proposal
    - 18%, Much less likely to support the proposal
  - The benefits offered by Medicare supplemental coverage could erode, forcing more Veterans to rely more heavily on the VA.
    - 11%, Much more likely to support the proposal
    - 16%, Somewhat more likely to support the proposal
    - 37%, No impact on my support for the proposal
    - 22%, Somewhat less likely to support the proposal
    - 14%, Much less likely to support the proposal
- As you may know, the Veterans Health Administration (VA) uses a closed formulary, i.e. non-formulary drugs are not covered by health insurance unless the patient is granted an exception by the health insurance company. Knowing this, do you favor or oppose converting the Medicare prescription drug plans to operate more like the VA system?
  - 13%, Strongly favor
  - 22%, Somewhat favor

- 21%, Somewhat oppose
- 19%, Strongly oppose
- 26%, Don't know/no opinion

*Methodology:*

This poll was conducted between October 29-October 29, 2021 among a sample of 1994 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.