

## Morning Consult/PhRMA 50-state Poll – October 29 – November 12, 2021

### VA-07 Results

- Would you support or oppose allowing the federal government to negotiate prescription drug prices that would apply to both Medicare and private insurance if you heard the following?
  - Seniors and people with disabilities could have reduced access to fewer prescription medicines than they currently get through Medicare.
    - VA-07 average
      - 12%, Support – Strongly
      - 13%, Support – Somewhat
      - 17%, Oppose – Somewhat
      - 44%, Oppose – Strongly
      - 14%, Don't know
  - 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.
    - VA-07 average
      - 8%, Support – Strongly
      - 13%, Support – Somewhat
      - 18%, Oppose – Somewhat
      - 48%, Oppose – Strongly
      - 14%, Don't know
  - It could limit people's access to newer prescription medicines.
    - VA-07 average
      - 7%, Support – Strongly
      - 12%, Support – Somewhat
      - 24%, Oppose – Somewhat
      - 41%, Oppose – Strongly
      - 16%, Don't know
- Which of the following issues, if any, do you think is the most important issue that needs to be addressed in the United States?
  - VA-07 average
    - 25%, The economy / jobs / inflation
    - 22%, COVID-19 pandemic recovery
    - 12%, Immigration and border security
    - 9%, Health insurance costs and coverage
    - 8%, The environment or climate change
    - 6%, Supply chain problems for goods and services
    - 4%, National security and terrorism
    - 3%, Crime
    - 3%, Education
    - 3%, Taxes

- 2%, Prescription drug prices
    - 2%, None of these issues
- From the following list, which of the following health care issues are most important to you? You may select up to two.
  - VA-07 average
    - 31%, Out of pocket costs not covered by your insurance, such as copays, deductibles and out-of-network charges
    - 30%, The cost of health insurance premiums
    - 25%, The cost of prescription medicines
    - 20%, The cost of hospital services
    - 12%, Pre-existing conditions protections
    - 10%, Unexpected hospital bills
    - 9%, Limited options for health care coverage
    - 9%, Addressing the opioid crisis
    - 8%, Addressing racial disparities in health care and outcomes
    - 5%, Don't Know/No opinion
    - 2%, Other
- In general, do you find health care out-of-pocket costs (such as copays and deductibles) reasonable or unreasonable?
  - VA-07 average
    - 63%, Unreasonable
    - 27%, Reasonable
    - 10%, Don't know
- When it comes to reducing the cost of health care, which is closer to your view?
  - VA-07 average
    - 65%, Congress should focus more on reducing the overall cost of health care coverage such as premiums, deductibles, and co-pays
    - 23%, Congress should focus more on reducing the costs of prescription drugs
    - 12%, I don't know enough to say

*Methodology:*

This poll was conducted from October 29 – November 12, 2021, among a national sample of 20,000 adults. The interviews were conducted online. Results are estimates produced by a model known as multi-level regression with post-stratification (MRP). Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 1 percentage points.

**For a full survey memo and topline, click [here](#).**