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## ***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: April 2009***

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## **Methodology**

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane and Carolina Gutiérrez. The survey was conducted April 2 through April 8, 2009, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,203 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (902) and cell phone (301, including 98 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error is higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Trends in this document come from surveys listed on the last page.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

“VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

1. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right-- just about always, most of the time or only some of the time?

	<u>04/09</u>
Just about always	6
Most of the time	26
Only some of the time	56
None of the time/Never (vol.)	10
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	3

2. I'm going to read you a list of some different things the new president and Congress might try to act on next year. As I read each one, tell me if you think it should be one of their TOP priorities, very important but not a top priority, somewhat important, or not that important. What about **(INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)**? Should this be one of their TOP priorities, very important but not a top priority, somewhat important, or not that important?

		<u>One of their TOP priorities</u>	<u>Very important but not a top priority</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. Improving the country's economic and job situation <sup>1</sup>						
	04/09	66	26	4	3	1
	02/09	71	24	3	1	1
	12/08	73	21	4	2	*
b. Reforming health care						
	04/09	43	31	15	9	1
	02/09	39	38	14	8	1
	12/08	43	34	15	8	1
c. Making Medicare and Social Security more financially sound						
	04/09	46	37	12	4	1
	02/09	49	37	11	2	1
<b>Items d-f based on half sample (n=616)</b>						
d. Reducing the federal budget deficit						
	04/09	45	34	15	4	2
	02/09	36	41	16	5	3
	12/08	39	37	18	6	1

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<sup>1</sup> Trend wording read "Improving the country's economic situation".

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		One of their TOP <u>priorities</u>	Very important but not a <u>top priority</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not that <u>important</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
e. Working to create more clean energy sources	04/09	26	42	22	10	1
	02/09	31	41	20	7	1
	12/08	36	36	21	6	*
f. Fighting terrorism	04/09	43	37	13	7	1
	02/09	42	41	12	4	1
	12/08	48	36	13	2	*
<b>Items g-h based on half sample (n=587)</b>						
g. Improving public schools <sup>2</sup>	04/09	38	40	16	5	2
	02/09	35	38	19	6	1
	12/08	37	40	14	7	*
h. Dealing with continued conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan	04/09	31	35	21	10	3

**READ ALL:** Now I'd like to turn to the subject of health care.

3. Which comes closer to describing your own views? Given the serious economic problems facing the country (we cannot afford to take on health care reform right now) OR (it is more important than ever to take on health care reform now)? **(ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESSES)**

	<u>04/09</u>	<u>02/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08</u>
We cannot afford to take on health care reform right now	37	34	37	34
It is more important than ever to take on health care reform now	59	62	61	62
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	4	4	2	5

<sup>2</sup> Trend wording read "Providing more support to improve public schools."

4. How closely have you been following discussions in Washington about health care reform? Very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not at all?

	<u>04/09</u>	<u>02/09</u>
Very closely	25	23
Somewhat closely	47	46
Not too closely	21	21
Not at all	6	9
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	*	1

5. Do you think **(INSERT AND ROTATE)** would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference? **(ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)**

		<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>Wouldn't make much difference</u>	<u>(VOL.) It depends</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. You and your family						
	04/09	43	14	36	4	4
	02/09	38	11	43	4	3
b. The country as a whole						
	04/09	56	15	21	3	5
	02/09	59	12	19	5	5

6. Which do you think is a better way to encourage health insurance companies to provide the best product for the lowest price? **(READ IN ORDER)**

	<u>04/09</u>
To have private insurance companies compete with each other	35
To have private insurance companies compete both with each other and with a government-administered public insurance plan similar to Medicare	57
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	8

7. Now I'm going to read you some different ways to increase the number of Americans covered by health insurance. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it. Here's the (first/next) one – **(INSERT AND RANDOMIZE- ALWAYS ASK ITEMS d AND h LAST)**. Do you favor or oppose this? (Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

		-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			DK/ Ref.
		Total	Strongly	Some- what	Total	Strongly	Some- what	
<i>Items b-d based on half sample (n=616)</i>								
<i>Items e-h based on half sample (n=587)</i>								
a. Requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund that will pay to cover those without insurance								
	04/09	<b>71</b>	44	27	<b>25</b>	14	11	4
	12/08	<b>71</b>	47	24	<b>26</b>	15	11	4
b. Offering tax credits to help people buy private health insurance								
	04/09	<b>67</b>	36	31	<b>29</b>	13	17	4
	12/08	<b>65</b>	33	32	<b>33</b>	17	16	2
	09/08	<b>65</b>	-	-	<b>27</b>	-	-	8
c. Expanding Medicare to cover people between the ages of 55 and 64 who do not have health insurance								
	04/09	<b>79</b>	53	26	<b>18</b>	9	9	3
	12/08	<b>76</b>	47	29	<b>22</b>	11	11	2
	09/08	<b>70</b>	-	-	<b>24</b>	-	-	5
d. Creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans								
	04/09	<b>67</b>	35	32	<b>29</b>	17	11	4
e. Expanding state government programs for low-income people, such as Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program								
	04/09	<b>77</b>	51	26	<b>20</b>	10	10	2
	12/08	<b>73</b>	43	30	<b>25</b>	11	14	2
f. Requiring all Americans to have health insurance, either from their employer or from another source, with financial help for those who can't afford it								
	04/09	<b>72</b>	48	24	<b>25</b>	13	13	3
	12/08	<b>67</b>	40	27	<b>31</b>	18	13	2
g. Having a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan								
	04/09	<b>49</b>	29	19	<b>47</b>	30	17	4
	12/08	<b>46</b>	28	18	<b>53</b>	39	14	2
h. Creating a public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans								
	04/09	<b>67</b>	34	33	<b>29</b>	15	14	5

**Note:** 12/08 trends based on half sample (n=814). 09/08 trends based on total sample (n=1,207).

8. What if you heard that a public health insurance option could (**INSERT AND ROTATE**)? Would you still favor that proposal, or would you now oppose that proposal?

***Based on those who favor creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans (n=746)***

		<u>Still favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Give the government plan an unfair advantage over private insurance companies	04/09	47	45	8
b. Be the first step toward single-payer, government-run health care	04/09	61	31	8

7d/7h/8a. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	32
Oppose creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	59
Originally	29
Once heard argument (Could give the government plan an unfair advantage over private insurance companies)	30
Don't know/Refused	9

7d/7h/8b. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	41
Oppose creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	50
Originally	29
Once heard argument (Could be the first step toward single-payer, government-run health care)	21
Don't know/Refused	10

9. What if you heard that a public health insurance option could (**INSERT AND ROTATE**)? Would you still oppose that proposal, or would you now favor that proposal?

***Based on those who oppose creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans (n=399)***

		<u>Still oppose</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Give people more choice among health insurance plans	04/09	57	38	5
b. Help drive down costs because private insurers would be competing with the public plan	04/09	54	40	6

7d/7h/9a. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	16
Favor creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	78
Originally	67
Once heard argument (Could give people more choice among health insurance plans)	11
Don't know/Refused	6

7d/7h/9b. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	15
Favor creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans	78
Originally	67
Once heard argument (Could help drive down costs because private insurers would be competing with the public plan)	11
Don't know/Refused	6



10. Earlier you said you favored requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund. What if you heard that paying for this may cause some employers to lay off some workers? Would you still favor that proposal, or would you now oppose that proposal?

***Based on those who favor requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund***

	<u>04/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Still favor	39	41
Oppose	56	55
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	5	4
	(n=797)	(n=560)

7a/10. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	27
Oppose requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	65
Originally	25
Once heard argument (Paying for this may cause some employers to lay off some workers)	40
Don't know/Refused	7

11. Earlier you said you opposed requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers. What if you heard that this would be more fair because today some employers pay for health insurance and some do not? Would you still oppose that proposal, or would you now favor that proposal?

***Based on those who oppose requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund (n=351)***

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose	66
Favor	28
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	7

7a/11. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	17
Favor requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	78
Originally	71
Once heard argument (This would be more fair because today some employers pay for health insurance and some do not)	7
Don't know/Refused	5

12. In order to help pay for health care reform and provide coverage for more of the uninsured, would you favor or oppose increasing taxes on items that are thought to be unhealthy, such as soda, alcohol, junk food and cigarettes? (Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

***Based on half sample (n=587)***

	<u>04/09</u>
Strongly favor	39
Somewhat favor	22
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	27
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	2

13. What if you heard that this kind of tax increase would hit low income people the hardest? Would you still favor increasing taxes on these items, or would you now oppose the increase?

***Based on those who favor increasing taxes on items that are thought to be unhealthy, such as soda, alcohol, junk food and cigarettes (n=339)***

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor	64
Oppose	33
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	3

12/13. Summary Table based on half sample (n=587)

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor increasing taxes on items that are thought to be unhealthy, such as soda, alcohol, junk food and cigarettes	39
Oppose increasing taxes on items that are thought to be unhealthy, such as soda, alcohol, junk food and cigarettes	57
Originally	37
Once heard argument (This kind of tax increase would hit low income people the hardest)	20
Don't know/Refused	3

14. What if you heard that this kind of tax increase would raise money for health care reform and improve health outcomes by encouraging healthier habits? Would you still oppose increasing taxes on these items, or would you now favor the tax increase?

*Based on those who oppose increasing taxes on items that are thought to be unhealthy, such as soda, alcohol, junk food and cigarettes (n=238)*

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose	73
Favor	24
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	3

12/14. Summary Table based on half sample (n=587)

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose increasing taxes on items that are thought to be unhealthy, such as soda, alcohol, junk food and cigarettes	27
Favor increasing taxes on items that are thought to be unhealthy, such as soda, alcohol, junk food and cigarettes	70
Originally	61
Once heard argument (This kind of tax increase would raise money for health care reform and improve health outcomes by encouraging healthier habits)	9
Don't know/Refused	3

15. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following to help pay for health care reform and provide coverage for more of the uninsured. How about (**INSERT AND RANDOMIZE - ALWAYS ASK ITEM d LAST**)? (**READ THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Would you favor or oppose this to help pay for health care reform and provide coverage for more of the uninsured?) (Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

*Based on half sample (n=616)*

		-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			DK/ Ref.
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	
a. Increasing the cigarette tax	04/09	<b>65</b>	51	14	<b>34</b>	26	9	1
<i>Compare to:</i>	12/08	<b>72</b>	63	9	<b>27</b>	22	5	1
Increasing the number of Americans who have health insurance is likely to require an increase in government spending and/or a tax increase to pay for it. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose increasing the cigarette tax.								
b. Increasing income taxes for all those who pay income taxes	04/09	<b>28</b>	12	16	<b>70</b>	51	19	2
<i>Compare to:</i>	12/08	<b>36</b>	13	23	<b>62</b>	44	18	2
Increasing the number of Americans who have health insurance is likely to require an increase in government spending and/or a tax increase to pay for it. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose increasing income taxes for all those who pay income taxes.								
c. Increasing income taxes for people from families making more than \$250,000 a year	04/09	<b>71</b>	49	22	<b>28</b>	18	10	1
<i>Compare to:</i>	12/08	<b>70</b>	51	19	<b>27</b>	19	8	2
Increasing the number of Americans who have health insurance is likely to require an increase in government spending and/or a tax increase to pay for it. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose increasing income taxes for people from families making more than \$250,000 a year.								
d. Increasing taxes on soda and soft drinks	04/09	<b>46</b>	23	23	<b>53</b>	32	21	1
e. Increasing taxes on wine and beer	04/09	<b>68</b>	46	22	<b>31</b>	19	12	1
f. Increasing taxes on unhealthy snack foods	04/09	<b>52</b>	28	24	<b>46</b>	29	17	2

**Note:** 12/08 trends based on half sample (n=814).

16. Would you be willing to pay FIFTEEN cents additional tax on a 12 ounce bottle of soda, or not?
- 16a. [IF NOT WILLING TO PAY 15 ADDITIONAL CENTS] Would you be willing to pay TEN cents additional tax on a 12 ounce bottle of soda, or not?
- 16b. [IF NOT WILLING TO PAY 10 ADDITIONAL CENTS] Would you be willing to pay THREE cents additional tax on a 12 ounce bottle of soda, or not?

	<u>04/09</u>
Total willing to pay additional tax	39
Willing to pay 3 cents additional tax	39
Willing to pay 10 cents additional tax	33
Willing to pay 15 cents additional tax	30
Not willing to pay any additional tax	3
Don't drink or buy soda (VOL.)	3
Do not favor increasing taxes on soda	54
Don't know/Refused	*

- D2. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	<u>04/09</u>
Covered by health insurance	77
Not covered by health insurance	23
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	*

- D2a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your or your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

*Based on those who are insured (n=999)*

	<u>04/09</u>
Plan through your/your spouse's employer	53
Plan you purchased yourself	12
Medicare	20
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	7
Some other government program	5
Somewhere else	2
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

17. Right now, workers do not pay taxes on the money that their employer puts into their health insurance benefits. Some policymakers are proposing that workers with the most generous health care benefits SHOULD pay taxes on a share of the money the employer puts into that health insurance, with those taxes helping to pay for health care reform including covering more of the uninsured. Do you favor or oppose changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage?  
(Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

		-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			DK/ Ref.
		Total	Strongly	Some- what	Total	Strongly	Some- what	
	04/09	<b>41</b>	17	24	<b>52</b>	36	16	6
<i>Compare to:</i>	12/08	<b>39</b>	17	22	<b>58</b>	43	15	3

(Many people are not aware that/As you indicated) right now, the average worker does not pay taxes on any money that his or her employer puts into his or her health insurance benefits. Some policymakers are proposing that workers who have very generous health care benefits from their employers SHOULD pay taxes on a share of the money the employer puts into that health insurance, with those taxes being used to help pay to cover the uninsured. Do you favor or oppose changing the law so that workers with very generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage?

**Note:** 12/08 trend based on half sample (n=814).

18. What if you heard that the current policy (**INSERT AND ROTATE**). Would you still oppose changing the tax treatment of the health insurance benefits people get at work, or would you now favor it?

*Based on those who oppose changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage (n=688)*

		<u>Still oppose</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. is unfair because, right now, those Americans who buy their own health insurance instead of getting it through an employer don't get a tax break	04/09	61	29	10
b. is unfair because higher-wage workers get a bigger tax break than lower-wage workers	04/09	70	22	8

17/18a. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	32
Favor public changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	57
Originally	41
Once heard argument (Is unfair because, right now, those Americans who buy their own health insurance instead of getting it through an employer don't get a tax break)	15
Don't know/Refused	11

17/18b. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	37
Favor public changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	53
Originally	41
Once heard argument (Is unfair because higher-wage workers get a bigger tax break than lower-wage workers)	12
Don't know/Refused	10

19. What if you heard that changing the tax treatment of workers' health benefits would (**INSERT AND ROTATE**)? Would you still favor changing it, or would you now oppose it?

*Based on those who favor changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage (n=434)*

		<u>Still favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. mean fewer employers would offer health insurance	04/09	38	55	7
b. lead to less generous health insurance coverage for some workers	04/09	42	52	6

17/19a. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	16
Oppose changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	75
Originally	52
Once heard argument (Would mean fewer employers would offer health insurance)	23
Don't know/Refused	9

17/19b. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	17
Oppose changing the law so that workers with the most generous health care benefits would pay taxes on the money their employer puts toward their coverage	74
Originally	52
Once heard argument (Would lead to less generous health insurance coverage for some workers)	22
Don't know/Refused	9

20. Do you think your health insurance plan would be considered among the most generous and be subject to the new tax, or not?

*Based on those who have employer sponsored health insurance (n=500)*

	<u>04/09</u>
Yes	38
No	51
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	11

Now on another topic...

21. How important, if at all, is the Medicare program (**READ AND ROTATE**)?

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. for you and your family	04/09	53	23	11	12	1
b. for the country as a whole	04/09	77	19	1	1	1

22. How concerned are you that the Medicare benefits seniors have today will not be available for you when you retire? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

*Based on those under age 65*

	<u>04/09</u>	<u>06/03</u>
Very concerned	58	58
Somewhat concerned	27	27
Not too concerned	9	7
Not at all concerned	5	7
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	*	1
	(n=869)	(n=1,066)

**Note:** Trend based on those who said Medicare is not their main source of health insurance.



23. Which of the following four statements comes closest to your own view of the **(INSERT AND ROTATE)** program? The program is in financial crisis; the program has major problems, but is not in financial crisis; the program has minor problems; or the program has no problems?

		<u>Financial crisis</u>	<u>Major problems but no crisis</u>	<u>Minor problems</u>	<u>No problems</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Social Security	04/09	38	41	15	3	3
b. Medicare	04/09	30	44	17	4	4
<i>Compare to:</i>	06/03	18	51	17	5	9

Please tell me which of the following four statements comes closest to your own view of the financial condition of the Medicare program. Would you say...Medicare is in financial crisis, Medicare has major financial problems, but is not in crisis, Medicare has minor financial problems, or Medicare has no financial problems?

24. To the extent that these two programs are facing challenges, which do you think will be the first to run into a serious financial crisis, (Medicare) or (Social Security)? **(ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)**

	<u>04/09</u>
Social Security	52
Medicare	39
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	9

25. Government officials say that at some point Medicare won't have enough money to fully cover its share of seniors' hospital bills. As far as you know, will this happen **(READ)**

	<u>04/09</u>
Within the next five years	16
In the next five to ten years	39
More than ten but less than twenty years from now or	27
More than twenty years from now?	9
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	10

26. A number of reasons have been suggested for Medicare’s financial difficulties. For each of the following, please tell me if you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why Medicare faces financial difficulties. **(INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) READ IF NECESSARY:** Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why Medicare faces financial difficulties?

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	(VOL.) <u>Not facing difficulties</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Health care costs in general are going up	04/09	81	15	3	*	2
b. The Baby Boomers are reaching retirement	04/09	54	31	13	-	2
c. There is too much fraud in the program	04/09	66	24	7	*	4
d. Doctors and hospitals charge too much	04/09	70	22	6	*	2
e. Insurance and pharmaceutical companies make too much money	04/09	68	21	8	*	3
f. Some people on Medicare are getting more medical care than they really need	04/09	37	41	17	*	5
g. New drugs, treatments and medical technologies are often very expensive	04/09	68	23	7	-	2

**(ASK IF "MAJOR REASON" TO MORE THAN ONE ITEM ABOVE)**

27. Of the things you said are major factors, which do you think is the MAIN REASON for the financial difficulties facing Medicare?

26/27. Major/Main reason summary table based on total (includes those who said only one item is a “major reason”)

	<u>04/09</u>
There is too much fraud in the program	19
Doctors and hospitals charge too much	18
Health care costs in general are going up	17
Insurance and pharmaceutical companies make too much money	15
The Baby Boomers are reaching retirement	12
New drugs, treatments and medical technologies are often very expensive	8
Some people on Medicare are getting more medical care than they really need	4
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	4
<b>(DO NOT READ) Don’t know/Refused</b>	3

28. I'm going to read you some proposals that could help keep Medicare financially sound in the future. Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each one. (First/Next) would you favor or oppose (**INSERT AND RANDOMIZE**)? (to keep Medicare financially sound in the future)? (Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

		-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			DK/ Ref.
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	
<i>Items c-e based on half sample (n=616)</i>								
<i>Items f-h based on half sample (n=587)</i>								
a. Requiring higher income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums								
	04/09	<b>53</b>	26	27	<b>45</b>	28	17	2
	12/08	<b>51</b>	25	26	<b>47</b>	34	13	1
b. Having Medicare pay for new treatments and technologies only if they provide better results than current treatments								
	04/09	<b>75</b>	44	31	<b>21</b>	9	12	3
c. Requiring all seniors to pay a larger share of Medicare costs out of their own pocket								
	04/09	<b>20</b>	6	14	<b>79</b>	56	23	1
	12/08	<b>11</b>	4	7	<b>88</b>	71	17	1
d. Reducing Medicare payments to HMOs and other private insurers								
	04/09	<b>66</b>	27	39	<b>29</b>	12	17	5
	12/08	<b>46</b>	20	26	<b>46</b>	23	23	9
e. Gradually raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 for future retirees								
	04/09	<b>41</b>	21	21	<b>57</b>	38	18	2
	12/08	<b>34</b>	15	19	<b>66</b>	50	16	1
f. Reducing payments to doctors and hospitals for treating people covered by Medicare								
	04/09	<b>65</b>	34	31	<b>31</b>	16	15	4
	12/08	<b>57</b>	<b>33</b>	24	<b>41</b>	24	17	2
g. Increasing the payroll taxes workers and employers now pay to help fund the Medicare program								
	04/09	<b>45</b>	17	29	<b>50</b>	28	22	4
	12/08	<b>47</b>	17	30	<b>49</b>	30	19	3
h. Allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to try to get lower drug prices for seniors								
	04/09	<b>86</b>	65	21	<b>12</b>	6	6	2
	12/08*	<b>90</b>	71	19	<b>9</b>	6	3	--

**Note:** 12/08 trends based on half sample (n=814).

\* Slight wording variant: "Allowing the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for prescription drugs under Medicare"

29. Would you consider an individual senior with an income of **(INSERT IN ORDER)** a year to be a “higher income senior”? How about **(INSERT NEXT AMOUNT)**? Would you consider an individual senior with an income of **(INSERT AMOUNT)** a year to be a “higher income senior”? **IF ‘YES’ TO AN ITEM, REMAINING ITEMS WERE NOT ASKED**

*Based on those who favor requiring higher income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums (n=627)*

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. \$50,000	04/09	43	55	2
b. \$80,000	04/09	79	20	1
c. \$150,000	04/09	97	2	*
d. \$250,000	04/09	99	1	*

**Note:** ‘Yes’ percentages for items b-d include ‘yes’ responses from previous items.

30. Earlier you said you favored requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments. What if you heard that this change meant some people might not be able to get all the treatments recommended by their doctor? Would you still favor this or would you now oppose it?

*Based on those who favor requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments (n=898)*

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor	37
Oppose	57
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don’t know/Refused	5

28b/30. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still favor requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments	28
Oppose requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments	65
Originally	21
Once heard argument (This change means some people might not be able to get all the treatments recommended by their doctor)	43
Don’t know/Refused	7

31. Earlier you said you opposed requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments. What if you heard this change might improve quality of care and help control health care costs. Would you still oppose this or would you now favor it?

*Based on those who oppose requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments (n=252)*

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose	52
Favor	42
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	6

28b/31. Summary Table based on total

	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments	11
Favor requiring Medicare to pay for new treatments only if they are proven to work better than current treatments	84
Originally	75
Once heard argument (This change might improve quality of care and help control health care costs)	9
Don't know/Refused	5

32. Have you or your family experienced any of the following problems as a result of the economic downturn, or not? First, **(INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)**? **READ IF NECESSARY:** As a result of the economic downturn, have you or your family **[INSERT AND RANDOMIZE]**, or not? **IF YES, ASK:** Was this a serious problem, or not?

*Based on half sample (n=587)*

		Yes, this happened, and was a serious problem	Yes, this happened and was not a serious problem	No, this did not happen	DK/Ref
<b>a. Had problems paying for health care and health insurance</b>					
	04/09	15	11	73	*
	02/09	16	8	75	1
	12/08	25	12	63	*
	10/08	28	15	57	*
	09/08	30	10	59	*
	07/08	24	10	66	1
	06/08	25	12	63	*
	04/08	28	14	58	1
<b>b. Had problems paying for gas</b>					
	04/09	15	10	75	*
	02/09	20	13	67	*
	12/08	27	17	56	*
	10/08	39	19	43	*
	09/08	39	18	42	*
	07/08	37	19	43	*
	06/08	43	19	38	*
	04/08	44	20	35	*
<b>c. Had problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay</b>					
	04/09	26	15	58	1
	02/09	27	12	59	2
	12/08	30	14	56	*
	10/08	35	11	52	2
	09/08	33	11	56	1
	07/08	26	10	62	1
	06/08	27	11	61	1
	04/08	29	11	59	1

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**Note:** In surveys prior to 02/09, question read “As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you or your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? Was this a serious problem, or not?”

*Q.32 continued*

	Yes, this happened, and was a serious problem	Yes, this happened and was not a serious problem	No, this did not happen	DK/Ref
<b>d. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage</b>				
04/09	17	8	75	-
02/09	18	7	75	*
12/08	19	10	71	*
10/08	21	12	67	*
09/08	21	8	71	*
07/08	15	8	76	*
06/08	14	8	77	*
04/08	19	10	70	1
<b>e. Lost money in the stock market</b>				
04/09	23	23	53	1
02/09	27	21	51	1
12/08	29	22	48	1
10/08	31	22	45	2
09/08	19	18	62	2
07/08	15	21	63	1
06/08	15	18	67	1
04/08	16	19	63	2
<b>f. Had problems with credit card debt or other personal debt</b>				
04/09	15	12	73	*
02/09	18	10	72	*
12/08	20	13	66	*
10/08	22	12	65	*
09/08	18	12	69	1
07/08	16	9	74	*
06/08	16	10	73	*
04/08	18	11	71	*
<b>g. Had problems paying for food</b>				
04/09	11	8	81	-
02/09	13	9	77	*
12/08	17	12	70	*
10/08	22	14	63	*
09/08	20	16	64	*
07/08	18	14	68	*
06/08	19	14	67	*
04/08	18	15	66	*

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		Yes, this happened, and was a <u>serious problem</u>	Yes, this happened and was not a <u>serious problem</u>	No, this did not <u>happen</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
h. Lost a job	04/09	18	8	74	1
	02/09	19	4	77	1
i. Had work hours cut or had to take a pay cut	04/09	25	13	61	1
	02/09	23	10	66	2
j. Lost health insurance coverage	04/09	12	5	82	1
	02/09	12	4	83	1
k. Delayed retirement or returned to work from retirement	04/09	7	7	84	2

33. In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?

	<u>04/09</u>	<u>02/09</u>	<u>10/08</u>	<u>09/06</u>	<u>03/02</u>	<u>05/97*</u>
Yes	26	22	32	25	21	18
No	73	78	68	75	79	78
Don't know/ Refused	1	1	1	*	-	3

**\*Note:** question wording specified “medical bills, including doctor or hospital, prescription drugs, nursing home, or home care bills”



34. In the past twelve months, have you or another family member living in your household... (**READ AND RANDOMIZE**) because of the COST, or not?

*Based on half sample (n=616)*

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment	04/09	27	73	*
	02/09	23	77	*
	10/08	31	68	*
	04/08	23	76	*
	04/05	17	82	*
	01/00	15	85	-
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine	04/09	29	71	1
	02/09	21	78	*
	10/08	27	72	*
	04/08	22	78	*
	04/05	20	79	*
	01/00	13	87	*
c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine	04/09	18	81	1
	02/09	15	85	*
	10/08	22	78	*
	04/08	18	81	*
	04/05	16	84	*
d. Had problems getting mental health care	04/09	8	90	2
	02/09	7	92	*
	10/08	12	87	2
	04/08	8	90	2
	04/05	7	93	1
	01/00	4	96	1
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed	04/09	33	67	*
	02/09	27	72	1
	10/08	36	64	*
	04/08	29	70	1
f. Skipped dental care or checkups	04/09	36	64	*
	02/09	34	66	*
g. Relied on home remedies or over the counter drugs instead of going to see a doctor	04/09	42	57	1
	02/09	35	65	1

35. Next, I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and others do not. I'd like you to tell me how worried you are about each of the following things. (First/Next,) how worried are you about...(INSERT – READ AND RANDOMIZE)? **READ FOR FIRST ITEM AND THEN AS NECESSARY:** Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. Having to pay more for your health care or health insurance						
	04/09	37	35	16	11	*
	02/09	45	32	14	9	*
	10/08	38	34	13	14	1
	09/08	34	33	15	17	1
	04/08	37	34	11	17	1
	02/08	36	32	17	13	2
	11/07	41	32	13	13	1
	10/07	39	34	13	13	2
	06/07	41	34	14	11	1
	03/07	40	34	11	14	1
	10/06	47	27	13	12	1
	08/06	46	28	10	15	1
	02/06	38	33	11	17	2
	10/05	40	32	12	16	1
	06/05	45	28	12	14	1
	03/05	49	29	9	12	*
	02/05	41	32	11	15	1
	12/04	47	29	10	14	*
	10/04	47	31	9	12	1
	08/04	45	30	8	15	1
	06/04	46	28	12	13	1
	04/04	47	30	9	13	1
	02/04	47	31	10	12	1

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		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
b. Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need						
	04/09	34	32	20	14	*
	02/09	38	29	18	15	*
	10/08	31	29	17	23	1
	09/08	28	28	20	24	1
	04/08	29	26	19	25	1
	11/07	35	30	15	19	1
	10/07	34	28	17	20	1
	06/07	36	27	19	18	*
	03/07	35	27	16	21	1
	10/06	39	24	17	19	1
	08/06	34	27	16	22	1
	02/06	32	25	18	24	1
	10/05	34	27	15	24	1
	06/05	34	28	16	22	1
	03/05	42	24	13	21	1
	02/05	34	28	16	22	*
	12/04	37	27	15	20	1
	10/04	38	26	16	21	*
	08/04	40	23	14	22	1
	06/04	36	24	19	21	*
	04/04	39	25	14	21	1
	02/04	38	24	18	19	*

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		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
c. Your income not keeping up with rising prices						
	04/09	46	32	13	9	*
	02/09	53	28	12	8	*
	10/08	47	32	10	11	1
	09/08	41	32	13	13	1
	04/08	43	31	11	14	*
	02/08	42	32	15	9	1
	11/07	46	28	13	13	*
	10/07	41	30	14	14	1
	06/07	45	30	12	13	1
	03/07	42	31	14	13	1
	10/06	45	27	13	14	1
	08/06	46	28	11	15	*
	02/06	36	32	14	17	1
	10/05	40	30	13	16	1
	06/05	40	28	15	17	1
	03/05	46	27	10	15	1
	02/05	40	31	13	17	1
	12/04	41	30	13	16	1
	10/04	46	25	11	17	*
	08/04	42	29	11	17	1
	06/04	45	26	14	15	*
	04/04	44	27	12	16	1
	02/04	40	29	14	16	1
d. Not having enough money for retirement						
	04/09	43	30	14	12	1

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	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Based on those who are insured (n=999)</b>					
e. Losing your health insurance coverage					
04/09	30	27	22	21	*
02/09	34	20	22	24	*
10/08	29	20	19	31	1
09/08	23	20	22	35	*
04/08	26	19	19	35	1
11/07	29	22	21	27	1
10/07	29	21	19	30	1
06/07	34	20	20	25	1
03/07	29	19	19	32	1
10/06	32	18	16	33	1
08/06	30	20	19	31	*
02/06	26	19	21	34	*
10/05	27	22	19	33	*
06/05	30	19	18	33	*
03/05	35	17	17	30	1
02/05	26	22	19	32	*
12/04	34	20	19	27	*
10/04	29	20	18	33	*
08/04	34	17	16	32	*
06/04	29	19	20	32	*
04/04	33	19	17	30	1
02/04	32	19	19	29	*

36. Thinking about your own and your family’s medical care, how much do you trust each of the following to put YOUR interests above their own interests: a lot, some, a little, not at all? First, how much do you trust (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) to put YOUR interests above their own interests? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? [How much do you trust (INSERT ITEM) to put YOUR interests above their own interests?]

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>N/A</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<b><i>Based on those who are insured (n=999)</i></b>							
a. Your health insurance company							
	04/09	19	29	22	28	1	1
<b><i>Based on those insured through their/spouse’s employer (n=500)</i></b>							
b. Your employer/your spouse’s employer							
	04/09	21	33	18	23	3	2
<b><i>Based on those insured through Medicare (n=260)</i></b>							
c. The Medicare program							
	04/09	32	36	18	11	1	1
<b><i>Items d-f based on half sample (n=616)</i></b>							
d. Your doctor							
	04/09	47	31	11	8	2	1
e. Your pharmacist							
	04/09	35	34	15	12	2	2
f. Your hospital							
	04/09	27	36	17	15	2	2
<b><i>Items g-h based on half sample (n=587)</i></b>							
g. The nurses at your doctor’s office							
	04/09	39	35	13	11	1	1
h. The pharmaceutical companies who make prescription drugs you might be taking							
	04/09	12	27	23	37	1	1

## DEMOGRAPHICS

(**READ**) Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

### D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX

Male	48
Female	52

D3. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	20
Very good	33
Good	31
Only fair	13
Poor	3
( <b>DO NOT READ</b> ) Don't know/Refused	*

D4. What is your age? [**ENTER AGE**] / **ASK IF REFUSED:**

D4a. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (**READ**)

18-29	21
30-49	36
50-64	26
65 and older	17
Undesignated	1

D5. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	55
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	7
Divorced	8
Separated	2
Never been married	19
( <b>DO NOT READ</b> ) Don't know/Refused	1

D6.	In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ <b>ROTATE</b> : Republican, Democrat/ Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?	
	Republican	23
	Democratic	39
	Independent	28
	Or What? ( <b>'OTHER' AND 'NONE' INCLUDED HERE</b> )	4
	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	5
D7.	Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?	
	Liberal	22
	Moderate	42
	Conservative	31
	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	5
D8.	What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	
	None, or grade 1-8	3
	High School incomplete (grade 9-11)	10
	High School graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	30
	Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	4
	Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	24
	College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	17
	Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., towards a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	10
	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	1
D9.	Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?	
D10.	What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? <b>(IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 4)</b>	
	White, non-Hispanic	69
	Total non-White	29
	Black or African-American	11
	Hispanic	13
	Asian	3
	Other mixed race	2
	Undesignated	2



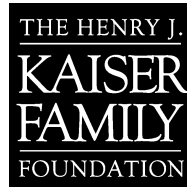
D11. Last year -- that is, in 2008 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **(READ)**

Less than \$20,000	15
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$50,000	19
\$70,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	11
<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	14

**END OF INTERVIEW:** That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.

## Trend Information:

- 02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)
- 12/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the New President and Congress* (December 4-14, 2008)
- 10/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (October 8-13, 2008)
- 09/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (September 8-13, 2008)
- 07/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (July 29-August 6, 2008)
- 06/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (June 3-8, 2008)
- 04/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (April 3-13, 2008)
- 02/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (February 7-16, 2008)
- 11/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (November 28-December 9, 2007)
- 10/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (October 1-10, 2007)
- 06/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (May 31-June 5, 2007)
- 03/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (March 8-13, 2007)
- 10/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 5-10, 2006)
- 09/06: ABC News/Kaiser Family Foundation/*USA Today Health Care in American 2006 Survey* (September 7-12, 2006)
- 08/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (August 3-8, 2006)
- 02/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 2-7, 2006)
- 10/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 4-9, 2005)
- 06/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (June 2-5, 2005)
- 04/05: *USA Today*/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University *Health Care Costs Survey* (April 25-June 9, 2005)
- 03/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (March 31-April 3, 2005)
- 02/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 3-6, 2005)
- 12/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (December 2-5, 2004)
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