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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 Liz Hamel, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted May 12 through May 17, 2011, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,203 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (801) and cell phone (402, including 197 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be 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.

Some question numbers may be out of sequence. Questions in this document are presented in the order in which they were asked.

1. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES] [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ¹	23	23	10	30	14

2. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) will be (better off) or (worse off) under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: "Will (INSERT ITEM) be (better off) or (worse off) under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?]

	Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(Vol.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
a. You and your family					
05/11	28	28	38	--	6
04/11	27	28	37	--	8
03/11	26	30	39	--	5
02/11	28	31	38	--	3
01/11	20	32	44	--	4
12/10	32	33	28	--	7
11/10	25	31	34	--	9
10/10	31	29	32	--	7
09/10	32	28	33	--	7
08/10	29	30	36	--	5
07/10	32	29	33	--	6
06/10	28	28	39	--	5
05/10	29	30	32	--	9
04/10	31	32	30	--	8
03/10 ²	35	32	28	2	3
02/10	34	32	26	3	5
01/10	32	33	29	3	4
12/09	35	27	32	3	3
11/09	42	24	27	3	4
10/09	41	27	28	2	3
09/09	42	23	28	4	3
08/09	36	31	27	2	4
07/09	39	21	32	4	3
06/09	39	16	36	3	5
04/09	43	14	36	4	4
02/09	38	11	43	4	3

¹ April 2010 trend wording was "[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

² February 2009 through March 2010 trend wording was "Do you think (INSERT) 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?"

Q2. continued

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(Vol.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
b.	The country as a whole					
	05/11	37	38	19	--	6
	04/11	39	35	18	--	9
	03/11	38	35	19	--	7
	02/11	37	39	19	--	5
	01/11	34	38	22	--	5
	12/10	40	37	15	--	8
	11/10	38	36	16	--	10
	10/10	39	34	18	--	9
	09/10	42	34	15	--	9
	08/10	39	37	18	--	6
	07/10	43	35	15	--	7
	06/10	42	32	19	--	6
	05/10	43	35	13	--	9
	04/10	45	35	11	--	9
	03/10	45	34	14	3	4
	02/10	45	34	12	4	5
	01/10	42	37	12	3	5
	12/09	45	31	17	4	3
	11/09	54	27	11	3	5
	10/09	53	28	12	2	4
	09/09	53	26	14	4	4
	08/09	45	34	14	3	4
	07/09	51	23	16	4	6
	06/09	57	16	19	3	5
	04/09	56	15	21	3	5
	02/09	59	12	19	5	5
c.	Seniors, that is those ages 65 and older					
	05/11	35	36	22	--	8
	02/11	31	42	22	--	5
	01/11	32	39	21	--	8
	09/10	38	35	18	--	9
	07/10	36	36	18	--	10
	04/10	36	33	20	--	12
	12/09	40	31	21	4	4
	11/09	43	29	19	4	6
	10/09	44	29	20	2	6
	09/09	46	25	20	3	6
d.	Middle class Americans					
	05/11	31	38	25	--	5
	02/11	32	40	24	--	5
	01/11	27	42	27	--	4
	09/10	38	38	18	--	7
	04/10	34	36	21	--	8
e.	Lower income Americans					
	05/11	52	29	14	--	5
	02/11	51	29	18	--	3
	01/11	48	27	21	--	4
	09/10	60	21	14	--	5
	04/10	64	19	9	--	8
f.	The uninsured					
	05/11	55	25	15	--	5
	09/10	57	20	15	--	8
	04/10	67	15	10	--	8
g.	People currently covered by Medicaid					
	05/11	32	26	29	--	13
h.	Your state					
	05/11	34	39	18	--	8

3. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ LIST. ROTATE 1-4, 4-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	05/11	04/11	03/11	02/11	01/11
They should expand the law	30	33	30	30	28
They should keep the law as is	21	19	21	20	19
They should repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative	19	15	18	19	23
They should repeal the law and not replace it	19	20	21	20	20
Don't know/Refused	10	14	10	10	10

4. Some lawmakers who oppose the health reform law say that if Congress isn't able to repeal the law, they should try to stop it from being put into place by cutting off funding to implement it. Whether or not you like the health reform law, would you say you approve or disapprove of cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of health reform from being put into place?

	05/11	04/11	03/11	02/11	01/11
Approve of cutting off funding	33	30	30	34	33
Disapprove of cutting off funding	63	64	64	61	62
Don't know/Refused	4	6	6	5	5

ROTATE 5/5b WITH 6/6b

5. So far, would you say you and your family have personally benefited from the health reform law, or not?

	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Yes, have benefited	14	13	14	15
No, have not benefited	82	84	84	81
Don't know/Refused	4	3	3	4

5b. In what ways would you say you have benefited from the health reform law? (OPEN-END.)

Based on those who have benefited from the health reform law

	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Access to health care/expansion of health insurance/expansion of benefits	42	39	34	36
Lower health care costs	16	24	20	19
Extension of dependent coverage	15	14	21	14
Health reform will help - general	5	3	5	7
Help for seniors/Medicare/Closing the doughnut hole	4	6	7	-
Help dealing with pre-existing conditions	3	5	6	5
My insurance is good/no changes	2	4	-	-
Other insurance reforms	2	4	5	6
Other	9	3	7	6
Don't know/Refused	16	11	15	17
	(n=151)	(n=144)	(n=155)	(n=157)

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

6. So far, would you say you and your family have been negatively affected by the health reform law, or not?

	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Yes, negatively affected	18	20	17	20
No, not negatively affected	78	77	82	76
Don't know/Refused	4	3	2	4

6b. In what ways would you say you have been negatively affected by the health reform law? (OPEN-END.)

Based on those who have been negatively affected by health reform law

	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Cost (NET)	55	58	48	45
The cost of my own health care has increased/can't afford cost of insurance/higher costs	40	46	32	29
Cost concerns - taxes	9	1	7	7
Cost concerns – general	7	12	10	11
Cut to benefits/less options/choices (general)	19	14	16	15
Don't have/Unable to get/Dropped by insurance	7	5	11	8
Harm to Medicare/seniors	6	5	7	3
Angry at process/Congress/government involvement	5	1	5	-
Bad for providers/Providers have quit	4	3	1	1
Declining quality of care	4	3	2	3
Haven't seen any changes	3	4	-	-
Bad for businesses/jobs	2	5	2	7
Don't want to pay for freeloaders	2	3	3	-
Opposed to individual mandate	2	2	3	-
Other	11	13	14	14
Don't know/Refused	7	4	10	18
	(n=219)	(n=240)	(n=205)	(n=255)

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

7. In order to reduce the federal budget deficit, Congress may decide to reduce federal spending in certain areas. For each area I name, please tell me if you would support major spending reductions, minor spending reductions or no reductions at all as a way to reduce the federal deficit. First, to reduce the deficit would you support major reductions, minor reductions, or no reductions to spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (IF NECESSARY: To reduce the deficit, would you support major reductions, minor reductions, or no reductions to spending on (INSERT))³

		Major reductions	Minor reductions	No reductions	Don't know/Refused
a. Medicare	05/11	10	29	59	2
	04/11	10	32	57	2
	01/11	8	35	56	1
b. Medicaid	05/11	13	30	53	3
	04/11	12	35	50	3
	01/11	13	39	47	1
c. Social Security	05/11	10	22	66	2
	04/11	9	27	62	1
	01/11	8	27	64	1
d. Defense	05/11	24	33	40	4
	04/11	22	40	35	3
	01/11 ⁴	21	40	38	1

³ January and April 2011 trend question introduction wording was "If Congress decides to reduce the deficit by reducing federal spending, I'd like to know in which areas you would be willing to see spending reduced."

⁴ January 2011 item wording was "National defense".

(READ) To the best of your knowledge...

ROTATE QUESTIONS 8-10

8. Which of the following government programs is the primary source of health insurance for people over age 65 regardless of their income... Medicare, Medicaid, or some other program?

	05/11	05/05
Medicare	65	59
Medicaid	21	21
Some other program	8	8
Don't know/Refused	6	11

9. Which of the following government programs is the primary source of health insurance coverage for many low-income families regardless of their age... Medicare, Medicaid, or some other program?

	05/11	05/05
Medicare	20	20
Medicaid	56	47
Some other program	17	20
Don't know/Refused	7	13

10. Which of the following government programs is the primary source of health insurance for low-income people who need nursing home care or other long-term care services... Medicare, Medicaid or some other program?

	05/11	05/05 ⁵
Medicare	33	32
Medicaid	45	38
Some other program	13	14
Don't know/Refused	9	17

(READ) And to the best of your knowledge...

11. Who currently pays for the MEDICAID program—the federal government, state governments, or both federal and state governments?

	05/11	05/05 ⁶
Federal government	22	21
State government	14	10
Both federal and state government	58	53
Don't know/Refused	6	15

⁵ May 2005 trend wording was “Which of the following government programs is the primary source of health insurance for low-income people who need nursing home care or home care over a long period of time...Medicare, Medicaid or some other program?”

⁶ May 2005 trend wording was “Who currently funds the Medicaid program—the federal government, state governments, or both federal and state governments?”

12. As far as you know, who among the LOW-INCOME population is eligible to qualify for the Medicaid program? Are LOW-INCOME (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) eligible, or not? And what about LOW-INCOME (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? [IF NECESSARY: Are they eligible to qualify for Medicaid, or not?]

		Yes	No	(Vol.) It Depends	Don't know/ Refused
a. Children	05/11	79	11	3	7
	05/05	80	10	--	10
b. Parents	05/11	67	19	5	9
	05/05	73	18	--	10
c. Adults without children	05/11	51	34	4	11
	05/05	55	30	--	15
d. Seniors on Medicare	05/11	66	20	3	10
	05/05 ⁷	66	18	--	16
e. People with disabilities	05/11	84	7	3	5
f. People who need nursing home care or other long-term care services	05/11	74	12	5	9

(READ) Next, I'd like to ask you some more questions about Medicaid, which is the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children...

13. How important for you and your family is the Medicaid program? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	05/11	01/11 ⁸
Very important	27	39
Somewhat important	22	20
Not too important	18	16
Not at all important	31	23
Don't know/Refused	2	2

⁷ May 2005 trend question wording was "As far as you know, who is eligible to qualify for the Medicaid program?" and item was "Low income seniors on Medicare"

⁸ January 2011 trend wording was "How important for you and your family is Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children?" In the January survey, this question was preceded by questions about health reform (similar to those asked at the start of the current survey). However, the January survey did not include knowledge questions about Medicaid funding or eligibility like Q9-12 in the current survey. It's possible that question order and context effects are at least partially responsible for the somewhat different results between the two surveys.

14. Please tell me if each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you feel the Medicaid program is important for you and your family. First, (RANDOMIZE ITEMS). [READ FIRST TIME, THEN AS NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why Medicaid is important for you and your family?]

Based on those who say Medicaid is 'very' or 'somewhat' important (n=544)

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/Refused
a. You or someone you know has received health coverage through Medicaid	05/11	58	22	18	1
b. You or someone you know has received nursing home or long-term care services paid for by Medicaid	05/11	43	22	32	3
c. You think that you or someone in your family may need to rely on Medicaid benefits in the future	05/11	63	24	12	1
d. You like knowing that the Medicaid program exists as a safety net to protect low-income people who can't afford needed care	05/11	71	21	7	2

- 14e. Is there some other reason I didn't mention why you feel the Medicaid program is important for you and your family? (OPEN-END)

Based on those who say Medicaid is 'very' or 'somewhat' important (n=544)

	05/11
It is the right thing to do/Good for our country	3
Financial reason	2
Important for children/seniors	1
Good program but fraud/loopholes/lack of oversight	1
I am/Family member is disabled	1
Other	2
No other reason	92
Don't know/Refused	*

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

15. If you were uninsured, needed health care, and qualified for Medicaid, would you enroll in the Medicaid program, or not?

	05/11	05/05 ⁹
Yes	81	78
No	15	17
Don't know/Refused	3	6

⁹ May 2005 trend wording was "If you needed health care and qualified would you enroll in the Medicaid program, or not?"

16. Under the current Medicaid program, the federal government guarantees health care coverage and long term care for certain low-income people. The program is paid for by the federal and state governments. Each state administers its own Medicaid program with lots of state-to-state variation, but all states are required to provide coverage to anyone who meets minimum criteria set by the federal government. To reduce the budget deficit, some policymakers have suggested that the federal government reduce its Medicaid spending by giving each state a fixed amount of money and eliminating federal minimum standards for Medicaid. Which would you prefer (READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS)?

	05/11
OPTION A: Keep Medicaid as is, with the federal government guaranteeing coverage and setting minimum standards for benefits and eligibility	60
OPTION B: Change Medicaid so that the federal government gives states a fixed amount of money and each state decides who to cover and what services to pay for	35
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	3

17. Those who favor this change say it will help reduce the federal budget deficit and give states greater flexibility to tailor their Medicaid programs to match their residents' needs and their own state budgets. After hearing this argument, would you still prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today, or would you now prefer changing it so the federal government gives states a fixed amount of money?

Based on those who want to keep Medicaid as is (n=704)

	05/11
Still prefer to keep Medicaid as is	82
Now prefer changing it	14
Don't know/Refused	4

Summary of Q16 and Q17 based on total

	05/11
Still prefer to keep Medicaid as is	49
Prefer changing it	44
Originally	35
Once heard argument	9
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	5

18. Opponents of this change say it will increase the number of uninsured, increase financial pressure on states and health care providers, and cause more low-income people to go without health care and long-term care services, particularly during tough economic times. After hearing this argument, would you still prefer to change Medicaid so the federal government gives states a fixed amount of money, or would you now prefer to keep Medicaid as it is today?

Based on those who want to change Medicaid to block grant (n=434)

	05/11
Still prefer to change Medicaid	70
Now prefer to keep Medicaid as is	26
Don't know/Refused	3

Summary of Q16 and Q18 based on total

	05/11
Still prefer to change Medicaid	25
Prefer to keep it as is	69
Originally	60
Once heard argument	9
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	4

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

D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	19
Very good	34
Good	30
Only fair	11
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	1

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...

18-29	20
30-49	38
50-64	24
65 and older	17
Don't know/Refused	1

D4. 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])?

Covered by health insurance	82
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1

D4a. 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?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,039)

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	57
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	18
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	7
Some other government program	4
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	3
Don't know/Refused	1

19. Have you personally EVER (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS), or not?

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [which may also be known in your state as (STATE-SPECIFIC NAME)]	05/11	19	79	2
	05/05 ¹⁰	16	83	1
b. Been a resident in a nursing home	05/11	2	97	1
	05/05	1	99	*
<i>Item c based on those ages 65 and older or covered by Medicare (n=323)</i>				
c. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	05/11	12	85	3

20. [IF HAVE BEEN A NURSING HOME RESIDENT] Was any of this paid for by the Medicaid program, or not?

Based on those who have been a nursing home resident (n=25)¹¹

Summary of Q19b and Q20 based on total

	05/11	05/05
Been a resident in a nursing home	2	1
Paid for by the Medicaid program	1	1
Not paid for by the Medicaid program	1	*
Don't know/Refused	*	--
Has not been a resident in a nursing home	97	99
Don't know/Refused	1	*

21. To the best of your knowledge, have any of your friends or family members, including a child or a parent, ever (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS), or not?¹²

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [which may also be known in your state as (STATE-SPECIFIC NAME)]	05/11	40	55	5
	05/05 ¹³	44	51	5
b. Been a resident in a nursing home	05/11	33	66	1
	05/05	49	50	*
c. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay Medicare premiums	05/11	20	70	10

¹⁰ May 2005 trend wording for item was "Received health insurance through the Medicaid program"

¹¹ Results not shown due to insufficient sample size.

¹² May 2005 trend wording was "To the best of your knowledge, have any of your family members or friends ever (INSERT ITEM), or not?"

¹³ May 2005 trend wording for item was "Received health insurance through the Medicaid program"; Result for May 2005 item based on those who have never received health insurance through Medicaid themselves (n=1029)

22. [IF FRIEND OR FAMILY HAS RECEIVED HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH MEDICAID] Was that a friend or family member?
- 22a. [IF FAMILY MEMBER HAS RECEIVED HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH MEDICAID] Was that a parent, a child, or some other family member?

Summary of Q21a, Q22, and Q22a based on total

	05/11
Friend or family has received insurance through Medicaid	40
Friend	11
Family member	29
Parent	9
Child	9
Other family member	10
Friend or family has not received insurance through Medicaid	55
Don't know/Refused	5

23. [IF FRIEND/FAMILY HAS BEEN A NURSING HOME RESIDENT] Was any of this paid for by the Medicaid program, or not?

Based on those whose friend or family has been a nursing home resident

	05/11	05/05
Yes	43	42
No	41	34
Don't know/Refused	17	24
	(n=442)	(n=618)

24. [IF FRIEND/FAMILY HAS BEEN A NURSING HOME RESIDENT AND PAID FOR BY MEDICAID] Was that a friend or family member?

- 24a. [IF FAMILY MEMBER HAS BEEN A NURSING HOME RESIDENT AND PAID FOR BY MEDICAID] Was that a parent, a child, or some other family member?

Summary of Q21b, Q23, Q24, and Q24a based on total

	05/11
Friend or family been a resident in a nursing home	33
Nursing home was paid for by Medicaid	14
Friend	2
Family member	12
Parent	5
Child	*
Other family member	7
Nursing home was not paid for by Medicaid	13
Don't know if nursing home was paid for by Medicaid	6
Friend or family member has not been a resident in a nursing home	66
Don't know/Refused	1

25. [IF FRIEND/FAMILY HAS GOTTEN HELP PAYING MEDICARE PREMIUMS FROM MEDICAID] Was that a friend or family member?

25a. [IF FAMILY MEMBER HAS GOTTEN HELP PAYING MEDICARE PREMIUMS FROM MEDICAID] Was that a parent, a child, or some other family member?

Summary of Q21c, Q25, and Q25a based on total

	05/11
Friend or family has gotten help paying Medicare premiums from Medicaid	20
Friend	6
Family member	14
Parent	5
Child	3
Other family member	6
Friend or family has not gotten help paying Medicare premiums from Medicaid	70
Don't know/Refused	10

Summary of Q19a, Q19c, Q20, Q21a, Q21c, and Q23 based on total

	05/11
Any personal experience with Medicaid	51
Self	20
Friend or family member	31
No personal experience with Medicaid	49

26a. Overall, would you say your experiences with Medicaid have been very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative?

Based on those who have had experience with Medicaid (n=200)

	05/11
Very positive	45
Somewhat positive	41
Somewhat negative	12
Very negative	1
Don't know/Refused	1

26b. Overall, would you say your family or friend's experiences with Medicaid have been very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative?

Based on those whose family members or friends have had experience with Medicaid (n=400)

	05/11
Very positive	26
Somewhat positive	51
Somewhat negative	12
Very negative	2
Don't know/Refused	9

27a. Have you ever had problems getting Medicaid to cover or pay for health care services, or not?

Based on those who have had experience with Medicaid (n=200)

	05/11
Yes	26
No	71
Don't know/Refused	3

27b. To the best of your knowledge, has your family member or friend ever had problems getting Medicaid to cover or pay for health care services, or not?

Based on those whose family members or friends have had experience with Medicaid (n=400)

	05/11
Yes	25
No	60
Don't know/Refused	16

28a. Have you ever had problems finding a doctor or other health care provider willing to accept Medicaid patients, or not?

Based on those who have had experience with Medicaid (n=200)

	05/11
Yes	32
No	66
Don't know/Refused	3

28b. To the best of your knowledge, has your family member or friend ever had problems finding a doctor or other health care provider willing to accept Medicaid patients, or not?

Based on those whose family members or friends have had experience with Medicaid (n=400)

	05/11
Yes	27
No	63
Don't know/Refused	11

29a. Have you ever had problems when trying to enroll in the Medicaid program, or not?

Based on those who have had experience with Medicaid (n=200)

	05/11
Yes	21
No	77
Don't know/Refused	2

29b. To the best of your knowledge, has your family member or friend ever had problems when trying to enroll in the Medicaid program, or not?

Based on those whose family members or friends have had experience with Medicaid (n=400)

	05/11
Yes	22
No	65
Don't know/Refused	14

30. Overall, would you say your experiences with your current health insurance plan have been very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative?

Based on those covered by private insurance (n=680)

	05/11
Very positive	44
Somewhat positive	45
Somewhat negative	8
Very negative	2
Don't know/Refused	2

31. Have you ever had problems getting your current health insurance plan to cover or pay for health care services, or not?

Based on those covered by private insurance (n=680)

	05/11
Yes	22
No	77
Don't know/Refused	1

No question 32

33. Have you ever had problems finding a doctor or other health care provider willing to accept your current health insurance plan, or not?

Based on those covered by private insurance (n=680)

	05/11
Yes	13
No	86
Don't know/Refused	1

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. Respondent's sex (recorded by interviewer)

Male	49
Female	51

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	49
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	6
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	2

D8. [IF FORM A] In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what? [IF FORM B] In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], or Independent?

Republican	25
Democrat	34
Independent	32
Or what (<i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here)	6
Don't know/Refused	3

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?

D8/D8a. Combo Table based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	37
Democrat/Lean Democratic	45
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	18

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Democrat	34
Independent Lean Democratic	12
Independent/Don't lean	18
Independent Lean Republican	12
Republican	25
Undesignated	*

D8b. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement	23
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement	68
Don't know/Refused	8

D9. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Yes	81
No	17
Don't know/Refused	2

D10. How often would you say you vote...always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

Based on registered voters (n=1,029)

Always	54
Nearly always	31
Part of the time	9
Seldom	5
Never vote (Vol.)	1
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	81
Always vote	43
Nearly always vote	25
Vote part of the time	7
Seldom vote	4
Never vote (Vol.)	1
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know how often	*
No, not registered	17
Don't know/Refused	2

D11. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

None, or grade 1-8	2
High school incomplete (grades 9-11)	10
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	31
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	4
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	23
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	16
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	12
Don't know/Refused	2

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	68
Total non-White	30
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	13
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	2
Undesignated	2

D14. Last year – that is, in 2010 – 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 \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	11
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	12
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	12
Don't know/Refused	14

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

TREND INFORMATION:

- 04/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 7-12, 2011)
- 03/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 8-13, 2011)
- 02/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 8-13, 2011)
- 01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)
- 12/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 1-6, 2010)
- 11/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 3-6, 2010)
- 10/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 5-10, 2010)
- 09/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 14-19, 2010)
- 08/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 16-22, 2010)
- 07/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 8-13, 2010)
- 06/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 17-22, 2010)
- 05/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 11-16, 2010)
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- 06/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 1-8, 2009)
- 04/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 2-8, 2009)
- 02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)
- 05/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *National Survey of the Public's Views about Medicaid* (April 1-May 1, 2005)



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