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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: August 2011***

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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, Claudia Deane, Bianca DiJulio, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted August 10 through August 15, 2011, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,201 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (700) and cell phone (501, including 203 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for results based on the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The margin of sampling error for those ages 18-64 with employer-sponsored insurance is plus or minus 5 percentage points, and for those ages 18-64 who are uninsured it is plus or minus 9 percentage points. For results based on other 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.

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? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
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 <sup>1</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>1</sup> 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. 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?"] [ALWAYS ASK ITEMS A & B FIRST IN RANDOM ORDER]

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
a. You and your family						
	08/11	24	33	37	-	6
	07/11	27	29	39	--	5
	06/11	24	34	35	--	7
	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 <sup>2</sup>	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

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<sup>2</sup> 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					
	08/11	33	37	21	-	9
	07/11	39	35	20	--	6
	06/11	35	39	20	--	6
	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.	The uninsured					
	08/11	49	20	22	-	9
	05/11	55	25	15	--	5
	09/10	57	20	15	--	8
	04/10	67	15	10	--	8
d.	People who currently get health insurance through an employer					
	08/11	24	35	30	-	11

3. I'm going to read you a list of specific reform proposals. For each, please tell me whether you think it was included in the new health reform law, or not. First, to the best of your knowledge, would you say the new law does or does not (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you say the law does or does not (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

		Yes, law will do this	No, law will not do this	Don't know/ Refused
a. Require nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine	08/11	65	25	10
	12/10 <sup>3</sup>	64	24	11
	06/10	67	26	7
	04/10	71	21	8
b. Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children	08/11	49	32	19
	12/10	62	20	18
	06/10	66	22	12
	04/10	64	16	20
c. Provide financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage	08/11	58	32	10
	12/10	72	18	10
	06/10	72	21	7
	04/10	75	17	8
d. Require insurance plans to offer a minimum package of health insurance benefits, to be defined by the federal government	08/11	57	25	18
	06/10	64	23	13
	01/10 <sup>4</sup>	63	20	17
e. Eliminate co-pays and deductibles that people previously had to pay for many preventive services	08/11	29	52	20

<sup>3</sup> Trend wording for December 2010 and previous was "Require nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine."

<sup>4</sup> Trend wording was "Please tell me whether you think it is included in the health care reform legislation being discussed in Congress, or not."

4. When you've looked for jobs in the past, how important a consideration has it been whether the job comes with health insurance benefits, or not? Has that generally been the MOST important consideration, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	08/11
Most important consideration	13
Very important	48
Somewhat important	21
Not too important	8
Not at all important	7
Never looked for a job/not applicable (VOL.)	2
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])?

	08/11
Covered by health insurance	82
Not covered by health insurance	18
Don't know/Refused	*

- D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through 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=1,042)*

	08/11
Plan through your employer	41
Plan through your spouse's employer	13
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	21
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	7
Some other government program	5
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	4
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	2
Don't know/Refused	*

D4/D4a Summary table based on total

	08/11
Covered by health insurance	82
Plan through your employer	33
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	7
Medicare	17
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	5
Some other government program	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	3
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	18
Don't know/Refused	*

D4b. Is the coverage you have just for yourself or does it also cover other family members?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer (n=394)*

	08/11
Just yourself	43
Includes coverage for other family members	57
Don't know/Refused	*

D4/D4a/D4b Summary table based on those ages 18-64 (n=905)

	08/11
Have insurance coverage through an employer	55
Single coverage	16
Family coverage	38
Don't know/Refused	*
Have insurance coverage through another source	23
Not covered by health insurance	22
Don't know/Refused	*

D4c. Was there any time in the past 12 months when you were without health insurance?

*Based on those who are insured*

	08/11	08-09/09
Yes	9	11
No	91	89
Don't know/Refused	*	*
	(n=1,042)	(n=1,122)

D4/D4c Summary table based on total

	08/11 Total	08/11 Ages 18-64
Covered by health insurance	82	78
Have been without insurance in the past 12 months	7	8
Have not been without insurance in the past 12 months	74	70
Don't know/Refused	*	*
Currently not covered by health insurance	18	22
Don't know/Refused	*	*



D4d. Including all its locations and worksites (not just your own), about how many people are employed by the company or organization (you work for/your spouse works for/your parent works for)? Just stop me when I get to the right category. Are there fewer than 50 employees, 50 to 100 employees, or more than 100 employees? [IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess.]

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer (n=546)*

	08/11
Fewer than 50 employees	14
50 to 100 employees	16
More than 100 employees	61
Don't know/Refused	8

D4a/D4d Summary table based on those ages 18-64 (n=905)

	08/11
Have insurance coverage through an employer	55
Fewer than 50 employees	8
50 to 100 employees	9
More than 100 employees	33
Don't know/Refused	5
Have insurance coverage through another source	23
Not covered by health insurance	22
Don't know/Refused	*

5. 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 who are insured (n=1,042)*

	08/11
Very positive	47
Somewhat positive	41
Somewhat negative	9
Very negative	2
Don't know/Refused	1

6. Given what you know about (your/ your spouse's/your parent's) employer's current financial situation, do you think they are offering you the best health insurance they can afford, or do you think they could be providing something better?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer (n=546)*

	08/11
Employer is offering best health insurance they can afford	62
Employer could be providing something better	30
Don't know/Refused	8

7. Would you say you DO or DO NOT have a good idea of the total cost of your health insurance policy, including the cost to (you/your family) as well as to (your/your spouse's/your parent's) employer?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer (n=546)*

	08/11
Have a good idea of the total cost of own health insurance policy	57
Do not have a good idea of the total cost of own health insurance policy	35
Don't know/Refused	9

8. Approximately how much would you say [you and your employer/your family and (your/your spouse's/your parent's) employer] TOGETHER pay PER MONTH for your health insurance premiums?

*Q7/8 Summary table based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through an employer with single coverage (n=164)*

	08/11
Do not have a good idea of the total cost of own health insurance policy/Don't know/Refused	43
Have a good idea of the total cost of own health insurance policy	57
Less than \$200	11
\$200-\$399	12
\$400-\$599	12
\$600-\$799	8
\$800 or more	1
Don't know/Refused	14
Average monthly premium for single coverage among those giving estimate	\$343

*Q7/8 Summary table based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through an employer with family coverage (n=381)*

	08/11
Do not have a good idea of the total cost of own health insurance policy/Don't know/Refused	44
Have a good idea of the total cost of own health insurance policy	56
Less than \$400	11
\$400-\$599	8
\$600-\$799	8
\$800-\$999	4
\$1,000-\$1,199	6
\$1,200-\$1,399	4
\$1,400 or more	8
Don't know/Refused	7
Average monthly premium for family coverage among those giving estimate	\$801

9. Many health insurance plans have an open enrollment period in the fall when employers may change the amount their employees pay for health insurance or change the plans or benefits they offer. As far as you know, is (your/ your spouse's/your parent's) employer planning to change how much you pay for health insurance or make any changes to the health plans or benefits that they offer, or not?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer (n=546)*

	08/11
Employer is planning to make a change	24
Employer is not planning to make a change	54
Don't know/Refused	22

10. As far as you know, is (your/your spouse's/your parent's) employer planning to (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not? Next, is (your/your spouse's/your parent's) employer planning to (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

*Based on those who think employer is planning to change benefits (n=139)*

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Increase the amount you pay for your health insurance premiums	67	20	13
b. Increase your deductible or co-pays	44	42	13
c. Change the benefits that your plan offers	38	48	14
d. Switch to a different insurance company, requiring you to change to a new health plan	11	71	18

Q9/10 Summary table based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer (n=546)

	Employer planning to make this change	Employer planning to change benefits, but not this change	Employer is not planning to change benefits	Don't know/ Refused
a. Increase the amount you pay for your health insurance premiums	16	5	54	25
b. Increase your deductible or co-pays	10	10	54	26
c. Change the benefits that your plan offers	9	11	54	26
d. Switch to a different insurance company, requiring you to change to a new health plan	3	17	54	27

11. As far as you know, in what ways is (your/your spouse's/your parent's) employer planning to change your health benefits? (OPEN END. RECORD UP TO THREE RESPONSES)

*Based on those who respond "no" to all changes in Q10 (n=11)*

There are too few cases to report.

12. I'm going to read some reasons people give to explain why their employers might be considering changes to their health plans. For each of the following, please tell me if you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason for the changes you might experience. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) is that a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why (your/ your spouse's/your parent's) employer is planning to change your health benefits? How about, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) is that a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why they are planning to make changes?

*Based on those who think employer is planning to change benefits (n=139)*

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/ Refused
a. The financial challenges your company is facing	48	25	26	2
b. Health insurance companies are charging more to provide coverage	69	17	12	2
c. The health reform law passed last year	43	24	27	5

13. If it would lower your health insurance premiums, that is, the amount (you pay/your family pays) each month for health insurance, would you be willing to (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ IF NECESSARY: Would you be willing to (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) if it would lower your health insurance premiums, or not?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are privately insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer or purchase their own insurance (n=619)*

	Yes, willing	No, not willing	Don't know/Refused
a. Pay a significantly higher deductible before coverage kicks in	30	61	9
b. Accept a more restricted list of participating doctors and hospitals	28	66	6
c. Pay more for brand name prescription drugs	29	61	10
d. Participate in a wellness program that promotes healthy behaviors such as losing weight or controlling your blood pressure or cholesterol	68	25	7

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer (n=546)*

	Yes, willing	No, not willing	Don't know/Refused
a. Pay a significantly higher deductible before coverage kicks in	29	61	10
b. Accept a more restricted list of participating doctors and hospitals	27	65	7
c. Pay more for brand name prescription drugs	30	60	10
d. Participate in a wellness program that promotes healthy behaviors such as losing weight or controlling your blood pressure or cholesterol	68	25	7

14. How worried are you, if at all, that (your/your spouse's/your parent's) employer will stop providing you with health insurance? A great deal, quite a lot, not much or not at all?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured through their own employer or a spouse's or parent's employer (n=546)*

	08/11
A great deal	16
Quite a lot	13
Not much	26
Not at all	39
Don't know/Refused	5

15. In the past year, has the total amount you pay for your family's health care, including the cost of insurance and any expenses not covered by insurance, gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

	08/11	03/10	03/09
Gone up	42	52	50
Gone down	4	3	2
Stayed the same	49	40	45
Don't know/Refused	5	4	3

16. Has this increase been a financial burden for you, or not?

*Based on those who report health care costs have gone up in the past year (n=543)*

	08/11
Yes	59
No	39
Don't know/Refused	1

Q15/Q16 Summary table based on total

	08/11
Health care costs have gone up	42
Financial burden	25
Not a financial burden	17
Don't know/Refused	1
Health care costs have gone down	4
Stayed the same	49
Don't know/Refused	5

- 16a. 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 who are insured (n=1,042)*

	08/11
Yes	11
No	88
Don't know/Refused	1

17. What's the MAIN reason you do not currently have health insurance? (DO NOT READ LIST) (SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY) (PROBE FOR "MAIN REASON" IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS MORE THAN ONE REASON WHY THEY ARE UNINSURED)

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured*

	08/11	03/11 <sup>5</sup>	03/09
Too expensive	46	48	37
Unemployed/lost job	16	8	22
Employer doesn't offer it	10	6	6
Not eligible for employer coverage	8	11	5
Don't need it	7	5	9
Can't get it/refused due to poor health, illness, or age	1	6	4
Don't know how to get it	1	3	-
Other (SPECIFY)	10	9	17
Don't know/Refused	-	3	1
	(n=154)	(n=126)	(n=123)

18. How long have you been uninsured—less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured*

	08/11	09/06 <sup>6</sup>
Less than 3 months	6	6
3 months to less than a year	25	16
1 year to less than 2 years	17	12
2 years or more	53	66
Don't know/Refused	-	*
	(n=154)	(n=111)

19. Before you were uninsured, what was your main source of health insurance coverage? A plan through your, your spouse's or your parent's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), or somewhere else?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=154)*

	08/11
Plan through your/your spouse's/your parent's employer	54
Plan you purchased yourself	13
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	10
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	2
Never had insurance (VOL.)	19
Don't know/Refused	2

20. In general, do you expect that when it's fully put in place, the recently passed health reform law will (help) your own situation when it comes to getting health care, (hurt) your situation, or won't it make much difference? (ROTATE WORDS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=154)*

	08/11
Health reform law will help	31
Health reform law will hurt	14
Won't make much difference	47
Don't know/Refused	7

<sup>5</sup> March 2011 and March 2009 trend data based on all uninsured adults, including those 65 years of age and older.

<sup>6</sup> September 2006 trend data based on all uninsured adults, including those 65 years of age and older.

21/22. In what ways do you think the health reform law will help you? [OPEN END] In what ways do you think the health reform law will hurt you? [OPEN END]

Q20/Q21/Q22 Summary table based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=154)

	08/11
Health reform law will help	31
Health insurance will be more affordable/health care costs will be lower	13
Will have health insurance/Better access to health care/More security because of coverage	12
Other	3
Don't know	4
Health reform law will hurt	14
Don't want to be forced to buy insurance/Opposed to individual mandate	7
Cost/Tax concerns	4
Won't cover enough/Will not be covered	2
Other	2
Won't make much difference	47
Don't know/Refused	7

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

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
08/11	26	74	1
03/11	23	77	*
12/10	25	75	*
06/10	21	78	1
03/10	30	69	*
12/09	30	70	1
11/09	31	69	*
09/09	33	67	*
08/09	24	76	*
07/09	21	79	*
06/09	26	73	1
04/09	26	73	1
02/09	22	78	1
10/08	32	68	1
09/06	25	75	*
04/05	23	77	-
04/03 <sup>7</sup>	19	80	*
03/02	21	79	-

<sup>7</sup> Slight variations in question wording. In 2003, sample included only adults ages 18-64.

24. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (READ AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE READ "BECAUSE OF THE COST" AFTER EACH ITEM.]

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a.	Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment			
	08/11	21	78	1
	03/11	21	78	1
	12/10	25	74	1
	06/10	22	78	*
	03/10	28	72	*
	12/09	23	76	1
	11/09	22	78	*
	09/09	28	71	1
	07/09	21	78	*
	06/09	27	73	1
	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			
	08/11	25	74	1
	03/11	21	78	*
	12/10	26	73	*
	06/10	20	79	1
	03/10	26	74	*
	12/09	24	76	*
	11/09	26	74	*
	09/09	26	73	*
	07/09	20	80	*
	06/09	26	74	1
	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	*

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		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
c.	Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine			
	08/11	17	82	1
	03/11	15	85	*
	12/10	20	80	*
	06/10	16	84	1
	03/10	21	79	-
	12/09	18	81	1
	11/09	17	83	*
	09/09	21	78	1
	07/09	15	84	*
	06/09	19	80	1
	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			
	08/11	11	86	3
	03/11	9	90	1
	12/10	9	90	1
	06/10	9	90	1
	03/10	10	89	1
	12/09	10	89	*
	11/09	6	92	1
	09/09	9	90	1
	07/09	7	92	1
	06/09	8	91	1
	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			
	08/11	28	72	1
	03/11	28	72	*
	12/10	32	67	*
	06/10	26	73	1
	03/10	30	69	1
	12/09	29	71	*
	11/09	30	69	1
	09/09	33	67	*
	07/09	27	72	*
	06/09	31	68	1
	04/09	33	67	*
	02/09	27	72	1
	10/08	36	64	*
	04/08	29	70	1

Q24. continued on next page

Q24. *continued*

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
f.	Skipped dental care or checkups			
	08/11	31	68	1
	03/11	33	67	*
	12/10	36	63	*
	06/10	31	69	1
	03/10	35	64	1
	12/09	31	69	1
	11/09	34	65	1
	09/09	35	65	*
	07/09	29	71	*
	06/09	35	64	1
	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			
	08/11	33	66	1
	03/11	32	68	*
	12/10	37	62	*
	06/10	28	71	1
	03/10	39	61	1
	12/09	34	66	*
	11/09	34	66	1
	09/09	44	56	*
	07/09	33	67	*
	06/09	37	63	1
	04/09	42	57	1
	02/09	35	65	1

Q24 Percent "Yes" to any

08/11	50
03/11	52
12/10	54
06/10	45
03/10	57
12/09	49
11/09	53
09/09	56
07/09	49
06/09	55
04/09	59
02/09	53

25. How much, if anything, have you heard about the new federal requirement that private health insurance plans cover the full cost of birth control and other preventive services for their female patients? Have you heard a lot about this, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

	08/11
A lot	10
Some	27
Only a little	30
Nothing at all	31
Don't know/Refused	1

26. In general, do you support or oppose the new federal requirement that private health insurance plans cover the full cost of birth control and other preventive services for their female patients?

	08/11
Support	66
Oppose	24
Don't know/Refused	10

27. I'd like to ask you a question about hospice care. Hospice care focuses on giving medical care, pain management, and comfort to those in their final stages of life and can be provided either at the patient's home or in a facility. Have you or someone in your household had experience with hospice care in the past year?

	08/11
Yes, someone in household had experience with hospice care	13
No one in household has had experience with hospice care	85
Don't know/Refused	1

28. Thinking about the member of your household who has received hospice care, what is this person's relationship to you? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON, ASK ABOUT THE PERSON WHOSE CARE THEY ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH)

*Based on those who have experience with hospice care (n=167)*

	08/11
Self	2
Spouse	7
Parent	33
Adult child	2
Another family member	35
An in-law	13
Someone else (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1

Q27/28 Summary table based on total

	08/11
Yes, someone in household had experience with hospice care	13
Self	*
Spouse	1
Parent	4
Adult child	*
Another family member	5
An in-law	2
Someone else (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
No one in household has had experience with hospice care	85
Don't know/Refused	1

## DEMOGRAPHICS

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	49
Female	51

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

Excellent	19
Very good	35
Good	30
Only fair	11
Poor	3
Don't know/Refused	1

D2a. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

Yes	19
No	80
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Employed full-time	47
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	6
Retired	17
On disability and can't work	5
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	1

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

D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...

18-29	20
30-49	37
50-64	26
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	*

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	24
Democrat	34
Independent	31
Or what ( <i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here)	7
Don't know/Refused	4

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

Yes	80
No	19
Don't know/Refused	1

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)	32
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)	18
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	10
Don't know/Refused	1

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	31
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	13
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
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	18
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	6
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	2
\$100,000 or more	11
Don't know/Refused	15

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

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07/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 13-18, 2011)  
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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)  
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