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A Survey of People on Medicare*

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Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *Views of the New Medicare Drug Law: A Survey of People on Medicare* was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard School of Public Health. The Kaiser/Harvard survey research team included Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., Tricia Neuman, Ph.D., Elizabeth Hamel, and Michelle Kitchman from the Kaiser Family Foundation; and Professor Robert Blendon, Sc.D., and John Benson, M.A. of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Fieldwork was conducted by telephone by ICR/International Communications Research between June 16 and July 21, 2004, among a sample of 1,223 total respondents. The survey included a nationally representative random sample of 973 respondents 65 years of age and older, including an oversample of African American respondents in this age group (a total of 203 African American respondents ages 65 and older were interviewed). A separate sample of 250 respondents ages 18-64 with physical and/or mental disabilities who receive Medicare was also interviewed. The disabled sample was drawn from a nationally representative survey of households contacted between June 2002 and January 2003 that was screened to identify households with an adult, aged 18-64, who receives disability payments through the SSI or SSDI program and/or considers him or herself disabled. This sample was then re-screened to include those people with disabilities who are covered by Medicare. Results for all groups have been weighted to reflect the actual distribution in the nation.

The margin of sampling error for the survey is plus or minus 4 percentage points for total respondents; for respondents age 65 and older it is plus or minus 4 percentage points; and for non-elderly respondents with disabilities it is plus or minus 10 percentage points. For results based on subsets of respondents the margin of error is higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). "Vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice. Percentages may not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

1/1a. Looking ahead to the presidential election in November, what issue will be most important to you in deciding who to vote for? Is there another issue that will be almost as important to you in deciding who to vote for? (*Note: adds up to more than 100% because of multiple responses*)

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
FOREIGN POLICY (net)	33	35	25
Iraq/bringing troops home/ending war	23	24	16
The war (general)	5	5	5
Terrorism/war on terrorism	4	4	3
Foreign policy/affairs	1	1	1
Other foreign policy	2	2	*
ECONOMY (net)	31	32	25
Economy (Domestic Economy/Inflation)	14	16	6
Social Security	6	5	8
Jobs/unemployment	5	6	5
Taxes	2	2	1
Outsourcing of jobs/sending overseas	2	2	3
Balanced Budget (Reduce deficit)	1	1	1
Gas Prices	*	*	1
Other economy	1	1	2
SENIOR CITIZENS' ISSUES (net)	12	12	11
Medicare	6	7	4
Prescription Drugs for seniors (cost)	2	1	3
Healthcare for the elderly	2	1	3
Prescriptions through Medicare	1	1	*
Issues/Benefits for Elderly/Senior citizens	1	1	*
Other senior citizens' issues	1	1	*
HEALTH CARE (Net)	8	8	12
Health/Health care	6	6	8
Health coverage	1	1	2
Health care Costs	1	1	3
Other health care	*	*	*
CANDIDATE PROFILE (net)	7	7	7
Moral integrity of candidate	3	3	*
Perceived leadership qualities of candidate	1	*	2
Religious values of candidate	1	1	2
Direction in which they want to take country	1	*	1
Other candidate profile	3	3	2

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	Total	Seniors	Disabled
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS/COVERAGE (net)	6	6	6
Prescription drugs (cost)	4	4	5
Prescription coverage	1	1	*
Other prescription drugs/coverage	*	*	--
SOCIAL ISSUES (net)	6	6	5
Same sex marriage	2	2	2
Abortion	2	2	1
Other social issues	2	2	*
NATIONAL ISSUES (net)	4	4	3
National Security/Defense/Homeland Security	2	2	3
Support for the military	1	1	*
Other national policy	*	*	*
EDUCATION (net)	2	2	2
Education	1	1	1
Funding for education	*	*	1
Other education	*	*	--
Removal of Bush from office	2	2	4
Benefits for disabled	1	*	6
Environment	1	1	1
Party affiliation	1	1	*
Peace/world peace	1	1	*
Benefits for veterans	1	1	--
None/no issue	1	2	--
Other	7	7	6
Don't know	22	21	23
Refused	4	3	9

3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Medicare? Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	Favorable			Not favorable			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very		
Total	73	38	35	19	9	10	6	3
Seniors	75	40	35	18	8	9	5	3
Disabled	61	29	33	26	14	13	8	4

5. How much have you heard or read about the recently enacted Medicare law– a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

	A lot/some			Not much/nothing			Don't know	Refused
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Not much	Nothing at all		
Total	56	21	35	43	28	15	*	*
Seniors	57	23	34	43	28	14	*	*
Disabled	56	12	43	44	26	19	--	--

6. Do you feel you have enough information about the new Medicare law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	36	60	4	*
Seniors	37	59	3	*
Disabled	28	64	7	*

7. And how well would you say you understand this new law? Would you say you understand it very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

	Well			Not well			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	42	11	30	56	30	26	2	*
Seniors	43	12	31	55	30	25	2	*
Disabled	37	9	28	60	30	31	3	*

8. Would you say you are confused about the new law, you are not confused about the new law, or you haven't heard enough about the law to say whether it's confusing?

	Confused	Not confused	Haven't heard enough to say	Don't know	Refused
Total	23	21	54	2	--
Seniors	22	22	54	2	--
Disabled	28	14	55	3	--

9. Given what you know about it, in general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of this new Medicare law?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't know	Refused
Total	26	47	25	1
Seniors	27	48	25	*
Disabled	24	44	26	5

10. Which of the following comes closest to how you personally feel about the new Medicare law? Are you enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not angry	Angry	Don't know	Refused
Total	2	31	41	10	15	2
Seniors	2	31	41	10	15	1
Disabled	2	29	41	10	13	5

- 10a. Which of the following comes closest to your view of what lawmakers in Washington should do with the new Medicare law? (READ AND ROTATE ITEMS)

	They should leave the law as it is	They should work to fix problems in the law	They should repeal the law	Don't know	Refused
Total	13	66	10	10	1
Seniors	13	66	11	9	1
Disabled	13	67	7	14	*

(Asked of those who have a favorable impression of the new Medicare law)

10b. Earlier you said you have a favorable impression of the new Medicare law. Please tell me if each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason you have a favorable impression of the law. (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

a. It is a good start and can be improved over time

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=306)	78	58	21	12	8	2
Seniors (N=249)	79	59	20	10	8	2
Disabled (N=57)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>					

b. It allows people on Medicare to choose a prescription drug plan that best meets their needs

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=306)	87	64	23	9	5	--
Seniors (N=249)	87	64	23	7	5	--
Disabled (N=57)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>					

c. It will be helpful for low-income people on Medicare

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=306)	92	77	15	4	3	*
Seniors (N=249)	94	78	16	3	3	*
Disabled (N=57)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>					

d. It will be helpful for people on Medicare with very high prescription drug bills

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=306)	90	78	12	6	4	--
Seniors (N=249)	90	79	12	6	4	--
Disabled (N=57)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>					

e. It will help pay many of the prescription drug bills for people on Medicare

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=306)	91	78	13	6	3	*
Seniors (N=249)	90	77	12	7	3	*
Disabled (N=57)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>					

Q9/Q10b Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

9. Given what you know about it, in general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of this new Medicare law?
- 10b. Please tell me if each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason you have a favorable impression of the law.

a. It is a good start and can be improved over time

	Favorable impression						Unfavorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	26	15	5	3	2	1	47	25	1
Seniors	27	16	5	3	2	1	48	25	*
Disabled	24	12	5	6	1	--	44	26	5

b. It allows people on Medicare to choose a prescription drug plan that best meets their needs

	Favorable impression						Unfavorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	26	17	6	2	1	--	47	25	1
Seniors	27	17	6	2	1	--	48	25	*
Disabled	24	16	4	4	--	--	44	26	5

c. It will be helpful for low-income people on Medicare

	Favorable impression						Unfavorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	26	20	4	1	1	*	47	25	1
Seniors	27	21	4	1	1	*	48	25	*
Disabled	24	18	2	3	1	--	44	26	5

d. It will be helpful for people on Medicare with very high prescription drug bills

	Favorable impression						Unfavorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	26	20	3	2	1	--	47	25	1
Seniors	27	21	3	1	1	--	48	25	*
Disabled	24	18	3	2	1	--	44	26	5

e. It will help pay many of the prescription drug bills for people on Medicare

	Favorable impression						Unfavorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	26	20	3	2	1	*	47	25	1
Seniors	27	21	3	2	1	*	48	25	*
Disabled	24	20	4	*	*	--	44	26	5

(Asked of those who have a favorable impression of the new Medicare law)

10c. Is there any other reason I haven't mentioned that you have a favorable impression of the new Medicare law?

Note: No other reason mentioned by one percent or more

(Asked of those who have an unfavorable impression of the new Medicare law)

10d. Earlier you said you have an unfavorable impression of the new Medicare law. Please tell me if each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason you have an unfavorable impression of the law. (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

a. It will cost the government too much in the long run

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=598)	58	34	24	36	7	*
Seniors (N=467)	57	36	21	36	7	*
Disabled (N=131)	59	17	43	35	5	1

b. It does not provide people on Medicare enough help with their prescription drug costs

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=598)	90	81	9	7	2	1
Seniors (N=467)	89	80	9	7	3	1
Disabled (N=131)	97	87	10	2	1	--

c. It is too complicated for people on Medicare to understand

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=598)	86	72	14	12	2	*
Seniors (N=467)	85	71	14	12	3	*
Disabled (N=131)	90	76	14	9	1	--

d. It will benefit private health plans and pharmaceutical companies too much

	Reason			Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major	Minor			
Total (N=598)	81	69	12	10	8	*
Seniors (N=467)	82	70	12	10	9	*
Disabled (N=131)	80	67	13	15	5	--

Q9/Q10d Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

9. Given what you know about it, in general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of this new Medicare law?

10d. Earlier you said you have an unfavorable impression of the new Medicare law. Please tell me if each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason you have an unfavorable impression of the law. (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

a. It will cost the government too much in the long run

	Unfavorable impression						Favorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	47	16	11	17	3	*	26	25	1
Seniors	48	17	10	17	3	*	27	25	*
Disabled	44	7	19	15	2	*	24	26	5

b. It does not provide people on Medicare enough help with their prescription drug costs

	Unfavorable impression						Favorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	47	39	4	3	1	*	26	25	1
Seniors	48	39	4	3	1	*	27	25	*
Disabled	44	39	4	1	*	--	24	26	5

c. It is too complicated for people on Medicare to understand

	Unfavorable impression						Favorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	47	34	7	6	1	*	26	25	1
Seniors	48	34	7	6	1	*	27	25	*
Disabled	44	34	6	4	*	--	24	26	5

d. It will benefit private health plans and pharmaceutical companies too much

	Unfavorable impression						Favorable impression	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused			
Total	47	33	6	5	4	*	26	25	1
Seniors	48	34	6	5	4	*	27	25	*
Disabled	44	30	6	7	2	--	24	26	5

(Asked of those who have an unfavorable impression of the new Medicare law)

10e. Is there any other reason I haven't mentioned that you have a unfavorable impression of the new Medicare law?

	Total (N=598)	Seniors (N=467)	Disabled (N=131)
Does not benefit all/enough people	4	4	1
Just a political maneuver/scam	2	2	1
New law carries restrictions (general)	2	1	8
Need to become more familiar with it	1	1	4
Drugs cost too much/doesn't bring cost down	1	2	--
Coverage is inadequate/Not comprehensive enough	1	1	2
Income bases Eligibility	1	1	1
Not enough explanation of it's benefits	1	2	--
The help is not immediate	1	1	--
Deductible is too high	1	*	1
Does not allow or price negotiations	1	1	--
Not enough planning went into the set up of the new law	1	1	*
No benefit/not accomplishing it's intention	*	*	1
Not going to benefit people that really need it	*	*	1
Federal government should not be involved	*	1	--
Other	9	8	15
No other reason	69	70	63
Don't know	4	4	3
Refused	*	*	--

11. How helpful do you think the new Medicare law will be for the following people? (First/Next), how helpful do you think the law will be for (READ ITEM)? Will it be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not at all helpful? (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS, ALWAYS READ ITEM “f” LAST)

a. A typical person on Medicare

	Helpful			Not helpful			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	53	11	42	36	24	12	11	*
Seniors	52	10	42	37	25	12	11	*
Disabled	58	15	42	30	18	12	12	*

b. Low-income people on Medicare

	Helpful			Not helpful			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	64	27	36	27	13	13	10	*
Seniors	65	27	38	25	13	12	10	*
Disabled	56	28	28	34	18	17	10	--

c. People on Medicare with very high prescription drug costs

	Helpful			Not helpful			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	53	20	33	36	21	15	10	*
Seniors	54	19	35	36	21	15	10	*
Disabled	51	29	22	37	18	19	12	*

e. People on Medicare who currently have no drug coverage

	Helpful			Not helpful			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	60	23	37	29	13	16	10	*
Seniors	59	22	36	30	14	15	11	*
Disabled	67	24	43	25	7	18	8	*

f. You personally

	Helpful			Not helpful			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	29	9	19	64	20	44	7	*
Seniors	27	8	18	67	21	45	6	*
Disabled	40	15	25	50	12	38	10	--

12. As far as you know, does the new Medicare law include a prescription drug DISCOUNT CARD for people on Medicare, is this NOT something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say?

	Yes	No	Don't know enough to say	Refused
Total	30	5	65	*
Seniors	32	5	63	*
Disabled	22	3	74	--

(Asked of those who say the new Medicare law includes a discount card)

13. And, to the best of your knowledge, when are these discount cards available? Are they available this year (2004), next year (2005), or the year after that (2006)?

	2004	2005	2006	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=390)	61	15	11	13	*
Seniors (N=318)	60	16	11	13	*
Disabled (N=72)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>				

Q12/Q13 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

12. As far as you know, does the new Medicare law include a prescription drug DISCOUNT CARD for people on Medicare, is this NOT something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say?
13. And, to the best of your knowledge, when are these discount cards available? Are they available this year (2004), next year (2005), or the year after that (2006)?

	The new Medicare law includes a prescription drug discount card						Does not include a prescription drug discount card	Don't know enough to say	Refused
	NET	2004	2005	2006	DK	REF			
Total	30	19	4	3	4	*	5	65	*
Seniors	32	19	5	4	4	*	5	63	*
Disabled	22	17	1	3	1	--	3	74	--

(Asked of those who say the new Medicare law includes a discount card)

14. To the best of your knowledge, does the discount card program include additional financial assistance for LOW-INCOME people on Medicare to help them with their drug costs, is this NOT something that's included, or don't you know enough to say?

	Yes	No	Don't know enough to say	Refused
Total (N=390)	43	11	46	*
Seniors (N=318)	44	10	46	*
Disabled (N=72)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			

Q12/Q14 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

12. As far as you know, does the new Medicare law include a prescription drug DISCOUNT CARD for people on Medicare, is this NOT something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say?
14. To the best of your knowledge, does the discount card program include additional financial assistance for LOW-INCOME people on Medicare to help them with their drug costs, is this NOT something that's included, or don't you know enough to say?

	The new Medicare law includes a prescription drug discount card					Does not include a prescription drug discount card	Don't know enough to say	Refused
	NET	Includes additional assistance for low income	Does not include additional assistance for low income	Don't know enough to say	REF			
Total	30	13	3	14	*	5	65	*
Seniors	32	14	3	15	*	5	63	*
Disabled	22	8	4	10	--	3	74	--

16. As far as you know, under the new law, will there be a Medicare prescription drug BENEFIT, where Medicare will help pay for prescription drugs like it now helps pay for other services, is this NOT something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say?

	Yes	No	Don't know enough to say	Refused
Total	17	7	75	*
Seniors	17	8	75	*
Disabled	18	3	78	*

(Asked of those who say that Medicare will help pay for prescription drugs like it now helps pay for other services)

17. To the best of your knowledge, will this new benefit be offered directly through the Medicare program just as hospital and physician services are now covered, or will the drug benefit be offered separately through private health plans?

	Medicare program	Private health plans	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=226)	39	33	28	*
Seniors (N=175)	36	35	29	--
Disabled (N=51)	Insufficient data to report			

Q16/Q17 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

16. As far as you know, under the new law, will there be a Medicare prescription drug BENEFIT, where Medicare will help pay for prescription drugs like it now helps pay for other services, is this NOT something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say?
17. To the best of your knowledge, will this new benefit be offered directly through the Medicare program just as hospital and physician services are now covered, or will the drug benefit be offered separately through private health plans?

	Medicare will help pay for prescription drugs					Medicare will not pay for prescription drugs	Don't know enough to say	Refused
	NET	Offered directly through Medicare	Offered through private health plan	DK	Ref.			
Total	17	7	6	5	*	7	75	*
Seniors	17	6	6	5	--	8	75	*
Disabled	18	10	4	4	*	3	78	*

(Asked of those who say that Medicare will help pay for prescription drugs like it now helps pay for other services)

18. And, to the best of your knowledge, when is this new Medicare drug benefit available? Is it available this year (2004), next year (2005), or the year after that (2006)?

	2004	2005	2006	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=226)	44	16	28	13	--
Seniors (N=175)	47	15	29	9	--
Disabled (N=51)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>				

Q16/Q18 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

16. As far as you know, under the new law, will there be a Medicare prescription drug BENEFIT, where Medicare will help pay for prescription drugs like it now helps pay for other services, is this NOT something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say?
18. And, to the best of your knowledge, when is this new Medicare drug benefit available? Is it available this year (2004), next year (2005), or the year after that (2006)?

	Medicare will help pay for prescription drugs					Medicare will not pay for prescription drugs	Don't know enough to say	Refused
	NET	2004	2005	2006	Don't know when			
Total	17	7	3	5	2	7	75	*
Seniors	17	8	3	5	2	8	75	*
Disabled	18	5	4	4	6	3	78	*

(Asked of one half total respondents)

19. Thinking ahead to the presidential election in November, will the recent passage of the new Medicare law have an effect on your vote for president, or will it not have an effect on who you choose to vote for?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=612)	28	64	8	--
Seniors (N=487)	27	66	7	--
Disabled (N=125)	34	55	11	--

(Asked of respondents who say passage of the new Medicare law will have an effect on their vote for president)

20. Will the passage of the new Medicare law make you more likely to vote for President Bush, more likely to vote for John Kerry, or more likely to vote for some other candidate?

	Bush	Kerry	Some other candidate	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=171)	18	44	12	20	6
Seniors (N=126)	18	45	9	22	6
Disabled (N=45)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>				

Q19/Q20 Combination Table Based on One-Half of Total Respondents

19. Thinking ahead to the presidential election in November, will the recent passage of the new Medicare law have an effect on your vote for president, or will it not have an effect on who you choose to vote for?
20. Will the passage of the new Medicare law make you more likely to vote for President Bush, more likely to vote for John Kerry, or more likely to vote for some other candidate?

	The new Medicare law will effect vote for President						The law will not effect vote for president	Don't know	Refused
	NET	More likely to vote for Bush	More likely to vote for Kerry	More likely to vote for some other candidate	DK	Ref.			
Total (N=612)	28	5	12	3	6	2	64	8	--
Seniors (N=487)	27	5	12	3	6	2	66	7	--
Disabled (N=125)	34	7	13	8	4	2	55	11	--

(Asked of one half total respondents)

19a. Thinking ahead to the election for U.S. representative from your district, will the recent passage of the new Medicare law have an effect on your vote for representative, or will it not have an effect on who you choose to vote for?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=611)	38	53	7	1
Seniors (N=486)	38	54	7	1
Disabled (N=125)	37	47	10	6

(Asked of respondents who say the recent passage of the new Medicare law will have an effect on their vote for representative)

20a. Will the passage of the new Medicare law make you more likely to vote for the Republican candidate, more likely to vote for the Democratic candidate, or more likely to vote for some other candidate?

	Republican	Democrat	Some other candidate	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=227)	21	53	6	18	2
Seniors (N=176)	20	52	7	18	2
Disabled (N=51)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>				

Q19a/Q20a Combination Table Based on One-Half of Total Respondents

19a. Thinking ahead to the election for U.S. representative from your district, will the recent passage of the new Medicare law have an effect on your vote for representative, or will it not have an effect on who you choose to vote for?

20a. Will the passage of the new Medicare law make you more likely to vote for the Republican candidate, more likely to vote for the Democratic candidate, or more likely to vote for some other candidate?

	The new Medicare law will effect vote for representative						The law will not effect vote for representative	Don't know	Refused
	NET	More likely to vote for Rep.	More likely to vote for Dem.	More likely to vote for some other candidate	DK	Ref.			
Total (N=611)	38	8	20	2	7	1	53	7	1
Seniors (N=486)	38	8	20	3	7	1	54	7	1
Disabled (N=125)	37	9	21	*	6	--	47	10	6

21. Who do you trust to do a better job of handling prescription drug benefits for people on Medicare, (George W. Bush) OR (John Kerry)? (ITEMS IN PARENTHESES ROTATED)

	Bush	Kerry	Neither (Vol.)	Both equally (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused
Total	34	39	10	1	15	2
Seniors	34	37	10	1	15	2
Disabled	30	48	6	1	12	2

(Asked of one half total respondents)

26. Do you favor or oppose changing the law to allow Americans to buy prescription drugs from pharmacies in Canada if they think they can get a lower price?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=612)	79	16	5	1
Seniors (N=487)	79	16	4	1
Disabled (N=125)	78	14	8	*

(Asked of one half total respondents)

- 26a. I'm going to read you a list of things some people have said about allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs from pharmacies in Canada, and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements. Some people say that allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs from Canada...(READ AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS). Do you agree or disagree? (Get answer then ask: Is that strongly or somewhat?)

- a. Will expose Americans to unsafe medicines from other countries

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=612)	31	13	18	62	25	37	6	1
Seniors (N=487)	30	11	19	63	25	38	6	1
Disabled (N=125)	39	26	13	56	24	31	3	2

- b. Will lead U.S. drug companies to do less research and development

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=612)	22	8	13	71	25	46	7	1
Seniors (N=487)	21	8	13	71	23	47	7	1
Disabled (N=125)	25	12	13	72	31	41	4	--

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Q26a Continued

c. Will make medicines more affordable without sacrificing safety or quality

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=612)	66	40	26	27	15	12	7	*
Seniors (N=487)	64	38	26	28	16	12	7	*
Disabled (N=125)	74	49	26	20	7	13	5	--

(Asked of one half total respondents)

27. Do you favor or oppose changing the law to allow the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for prescription drugs for people on Medicare?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=611)	80	13	7	*
Seniors (N=486)	79	15	6	--
Disabled (N=125)	84	4	11	*

(Asked of one half total respondents)

27a. I'm going to read you a list of things some people have said about allowing the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for prescription drugs for people on Medicare, and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements. Some people say that allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices...(READ AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS). Do you agree or disagree? (Get answer then ask: Is that strongly or somewhat?)

a. Will mean government price controls on prescription drugs

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=611)	53	26	27	36	18	18	10	*
Seniors (N=486)	54	26	28	37	19	18	9	*
Disabled (N=125)	52	26	26	31	10	21	16	*

b. Will lead U.S. drug companies to do less research and development

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=611)	29	14	15	61	24	37	9	*
Seniors (N=486)	30	15	15	61	25	36	9	*
Disabled (N=125)	26	11	15	63	18	45	8	3

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Q27a Continued

c. Will make medicines more affordable for people on Medicare

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=611)	76	42	34	17	6	11	7	--
Seniors (N=486)	75	42	34	17	6	11	7	--
Disabled (N=125)	79	42	37	16	5	12	5	--

d. Makes sense because the government already negotiates lower prices for the Defense Department and Veterans Administration

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=611)	69	37	32	23	10	13	8	--
Seniors (N=486)	69	37	32	24	9	14	8	--
Disabled (N=125)	74	38	36	16	12	4	10	--

e. Makes sense because the governments of other countries like Canada already negotiate lower prices for their own citizens

	Agree			Disagree			Don't know	Ref.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total (N=611)	80	49	30	13	4	9	7	*
Seniors (N=486)	80	49	31	13	5	9	7	--
Disabled (N=125)	79	53	27	9	1	9	8	3

24. Based on what you have heard or read about the new Medicare law, do you think it will do more to benefit (people who receive Medicare), or more to benefit (prescription drug companies)? (ITEMS IN PARENTHESES ROTATED)

	People who receive Medicare	Prescription drug companies	Neither	Both equally	Don't know	Refused
Total	32	47	*	2	18	1
Seniors	33	47	*	2	18	1
Disabled	27	51	*	2	20	1

28. Have you received any information in the mail about the new Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card program, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	60	36	3	*
Seniors	62	35	3	--
Disabled	49	45	6	*

(Asked of those who received information about drug discount card program)

29. And, to the best of your knowledge, did the information you received in the mail come from the government, from one of the private companies selling the discount cards, or from some other source?

	Government	Private company	Some other source	Multiple sources	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=755)	30	27	12	12	19	--
Seniors (N=616)	27	28	12	13	20	--
Disabled (N=139)	55	17	12	7	9	--

Q28/Q29 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

28. Have you received any information in the mail about the new Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card program, or not?

29. And, to the best of your knowledge, did the information you received in the mail come from the government, from one of the private companies selling the discount cards, or from some other source?

	Received information in the mail about the new Medicare approved drug discount cards						Did not receive information	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Government	Private company	Other source	Multiple sources	DK/Ref.			
Total	60	18	16	7	7	11	36	3	*
Seniors	62	17	18	7	8	12	35	3	--
Disabled	49	27	8	6	3	4	45	6	*

49a. I'm going to read you two statements about the new Medicare-approved drug discount cards, and I'd like you tell me which one comes closer to your view. (READ AND ROTATE STATEMENTS)

	The new cards are WORTHWHILE because they give people on Medicare immediate help before the full prescription drug benefit is available in 2006, and they provide another way to cut their drug costs	The new cards AREN'T WORTH THE TROUBLE because they don't do enough to help people with their drug costs, and they are too confusing to use	Don't know	Refused
Total	34	53	12	1
Seniors	33	55	12	1
Disabled	39	41	16	3

32. Medicare-approved drug discount cards began offering discounts to people on Medicare on June 1st of this year. Do you currently have a Medicare-approved discount card, or not?

	Yes	No	Signed up for card, but haven't received it yet (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused
Total	8	90	1	2	--
Seniors	8	90	1	2	--
Disabled	9	90	*	1	--

(Asked of those who have signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card)

- 32a. Did you sign up for your Medicare-approved discount card yourself, or were you automatically enrolled through another plan?

	Signed up yourself	Automatically enrolled	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=104)	52	41	7	--
Seniors (N=89)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			
Disabled (N=15)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			

Q32/Q32a Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

32. Do you currently have a Medicare-approved discount card, or not?
 32a. Did you sign up for your Medicare-approved discount card yourself, or were you automatically enrolled through another plan?

	Have signed up for the Medicare approved drug discount card				Do not have the card	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Signed up yourself	Enrolled automatically	Don't know			
Total	9	4	4	1	90	2	--
Seniors	9	4	4	1	90	2	--
Disabled	9	5	3	--	90	1	--

- 32b. Do you know anyone else who currently has a Medicare-approved discount card, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	8	91	1	*
Seniors	8	91	1	*
Disabled	6	92	1	--

(Asked of those who now have a Medicare approved drug discount card)

34. As far as you know, does your card say “Medicare-approved” on it, or not?

Note: Insufficient data to report

Q32/Q34 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

32. Do you currently have a Medicare-approved discount card, or not?

34. As far as you know, does your card say “Medicare-approved” on it, or not?

	Currently have Medicare approved drug discount card				Signed up, do not have card yet	Have not signed up for card	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Says Medicare approved	Does not say Medicare approved	Don't know/ Refused				
Total	8	4	1	3	1	90	2	--
Seniors	8	4	1	3	1	90	2	--
Disabled	9	4	*	4	*	90	1	--

(Asked of those who have signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card)

35. How much did you pay for this card? Was it free, did it cost about \$10, about \$20, or about \$30, or more than \$30?

	Free	\$10	\$20	\$30	More than \$30	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=104)	82	--	2	7	4	5	--
Seniors (N=89)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>						
Disabled (N=15)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>						

(Asked of those who have signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card)

36. Can your Medicare-approved drug discount card be used for every prescription drug you need, or only for some of them?

	Every drug	Some drugs	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=104)	41	37	19	2
Seniors (N=89)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			
Disabled (N=15)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			

(Asked of those who have signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card)

37. Can your Medicare-approved drug discount card be used at any pharmacy, or only at certain pharmacies?

	Any pharmacy	Only certain pharmacies	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=104)	54	28	18	--
Seniors (N=89)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			
Disabled (N=15)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			

(Asked of those who HAVE NOT signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card)

38. Do you plan to sign up for a Medicare-approved drug discount card this year, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=1101)	19	67	14	*
Seniors (N=869)	17	70	13	*
Disabled (N=232)	30	48	21	1

Q32/Q38 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

32. Do you currently have a Medicare-approved discount card, or not?

38. Do you plan to sign up for a Medicare-approved drug discount card this year, or not?

	Do not have a Medicare approved drug discount card				Already have the card	Signed up for the card but do not have it yet	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Plan to sign up	Do not plan to sign up	Don't know/Refused				
Total	90	17	60	13	8	1	2	--
Seniors	90	15	63	12	8	1	2	--
Disabled	90	27	43	20	9	*	1	--

(Asked of those who do not have and do not plan to sign up for a Medicare approved drug discount card; Items c-g asked only of those who do not answer “yes” to item a)

39. I’m going to read you a list of reasons people on Medicare might not sign up for a Medicare-approved discount card. For each, please tell me if this was a reason you did not sign up for a card, or not (READ ITEMS)

a. You didn’t know about the cards

	Yes	No	Don’t know	Refused
Total (N=760)	13	86	*	1
Seniors (N=620)	12	87	*	1
Disabled (N=140)	19	81	--	--

c. You don’t think the card will save you money

	Yes	No	Don’t know	Refused	Didn’t know about the card
Total (N=760)	41	43	3	1	13
Seniors (N=620)	40	44	2	1	12
Disabled (N=140)	42	31	9	--	19

d. You already have other drug discount cards or coverage

	Yes	No	Don’t know	Refused	Didn’t know about the card
Total (N=760)	63	24	*	*	13
Seniors (N=620)	63	25	*	*	12
Disabled (N=140)	63	18	--	--	19

e. You’re worried about how the card would affect other coverage you have for prescription drugs

	Yes	No	Don’t know	Refused	Didn’t know about the card
Total (N=760)	21	64	2	*	13
Seniors (N=620)	21	64	2	1	12
Disabled (N=140)	17	64	*	--	19

f. It was too difficult to choose among the variety of cards offered

	Yes	No	Don’t know	Refused	Didn’t know about the card
Total (N=760)	14	70	1	1	13
Seniors (N=620)	14	71	1	1	12
Disabled (N=140)	20	61	1	*	19

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g. Any other reason I haven't mentioned

	Total (N=760)	Seniors (N=620)	Disabled (N=140)
Any other reason (net)	6	5	9
Already have coverage/Veterans Plan	3	3	2
Do not qualify	2	3	*
Take very few/no RX medications	2	2	1
Income is too high	2	2	2
Need to know more about it	1	1	1
Don't know how/where to get card	1	*	4
Have to buy the card	1	1	1
Doesn't pay enough of the drug cost	1	1	*
Too confusing	1	1	*
Existing plan pre-empts the card	*	*	2
Only covers certain medications	*	*	1
Don't need card/not interested	*	*	1
No other reason	81	82	72
Don't know	*	*	--
Refused	--	--	--
Didn't know about the cards	13	12	19

(Asked of those who have signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card)

40. Was it easy or difficult for you to choose among the different Medicare-approved drug discount cards offered? (Get answer, then ask: Was that very easy/difficult, or somewhat easy/difficult?)

	Easy			Difficult			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very		
Total (N=104)	70	47	23	14	11	3	14	3
Seniors (N=89)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>							
Disabled (N=15)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>							

40a. Have you talked to anyone or looked for any information to help you decide whether to sign up for a Medicare-approved drug discount card, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	18	82	*	--
Seniors	19	81	*	--
Disabled	14	86	*	--

Q40a/Q41/Q42 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

- 40a. Have you talked to anyone or looked for any information to help you decide whether to sign up for a Medicare-approved drug discount card, or not?
41. Please tell me if you turned to any of the following sources for help in deciding whether to sign up for a Medicare-approved drug discount card, or not?
42. How helpful was the information you got from (INSERT ITEM)? Very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not at all helpful?

a. Friends or family members

	Looked for info from family and friends					Looked for info, but not from family/friends	Have not looked for info	Don't know/Refused
	Net	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful			
Total	6	2	2	1	1	12	82	*
Seniors	6	2	2	1	1	13	81	*
Disabled	6	2	1	*	2	8	86	*

b. Your doctor

	Looked for info from doctor					Looked for info, but not from doctor	Have not looked for info	Don't know/Refused
	Net	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful			
Total	2	1	*	*	*	16	82	*
Seniors	2	1	*	*	*	17	81	*
Disabled	2	1	*	*	*	12	86	*

c. Your pharmacist

	Looked for info from pharmacist					Looked for info, but not from pharmacist	Have not looked for info	Don't know/Refused
	Net	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful			
Total	7	4	2	*	1	11	82	*
Seniors	8	4	3	*	1	11	81	*
Disabled	3	1	1	*	1	11	86	*

d. A seniors' group or community organization

	Looked for info from seniors'/community org.					Looked for info, but not from seniors'/community org.	Have not looked for info	Don't know/Refused
	Net	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful			
Total	3	1	1	*	*	15	82	*
Seniors	3	1	1	*	--	16	81	*
Disabled	2	*	2	*	*	12	86	*

e. An employer or union

	Looked for info from employer/union					Looked for info, but not from employer/union	Have not looked for info	Don't know/Refused
	Net	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful			
Total	1	1	*	*	*	17	82	*
Seniors	1	1	*	--	*	18	81	*
Disabled	*	--	--	*	*	14	86	*

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Q40a/Q41/Q42 Combination Table Continued

f. A health insurance company

	Looked for info from health insurance company					Looked for info, but not from health insurance company	Have not looked for info	Don't know/Refused
	Net	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful			
Total	3	2	1	*	1	15	82	*
Seniors	4	2	1	--	1	15	81	*
Disabled	2	*	*	*	1	12	86	*

g. A Medicare or Social Security office, website, or phone number

	Looked for info from Medicare/SS office, web, phone					Looked for info, but not from Medicare/SS office, web, phone	Have not looked for info	Don't know/Refused
	Net	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful			
Total	5	2	2	1	1	13	82	*
Seniors	4	2	1	1	1	14	81	*
Disabled	8	2	5	1	1	5	86	*

(Asked of those who have signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card)

43. How much money do you expect to save using your Medicare-approved drug discount card? Do you expect to save a lot of money, some, not much, or nothing at all?

	A lot/some			Not much/nothing at all			Don't know	Refused
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Not much	Nothing at all		
Total (N=104)	48	25	23	47	32	15	5	*
Seniors (N=89)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>							
Disabled (N=15)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>							

44. Do you think you might be eligible for the \$600 in additional financial help with prescription drug costs that is available from the government for certain low-income people on Medicare in 2004, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	24	64	12	*
Seniors	21	68	11	--
Disabled	46	39	15	1

(Asked of those who have or signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card and think they may be eligible for the additional \$600 in financial help)

45. When you signed up for your Medicare-approved drug discount card, did you also sign up for the \$600 in low-income assistance, or not?

Note: Insufficient data to report

Q32/Q44/Q45 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

32. Do you currently have a Medicare-approved discount card, or not?
 44. Do you think you might be eligible for the \$600 in additional financial help with prescription drug costs that is available from the government for certain low-income people on Medicare in 2004, or not?
 45. When you signed up for your Medicare-approved drug discount card, did you also sign up for the \$600 in low-income assistance, or not?

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
Have or signed up for a Medicare approved drug discount card (net)	8	8	9
Think you might be eligible for \$600 in financial help (net)	4	3	6
Signed up for the \$600	1	1	1
Did not sign up for the \$600	2	1	3
Don't know if signed up for the \$600	1	1	2
Not eligible for the \$600/Don't know	4	5	3
Have not signed up for the card	90	90	90
Don't know if signed up for card	2	2	1

46. If you had to guess, how low do you think an individual's annual income needs to be to qualify for the \$600 low-income credit?

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
Less than \$5000	9	9	6
\$5000 but less than \$10,000	6	5	8
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	22	22	24
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	11	11	9
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	10	10	15
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	4	4	4
\$30,000 or more	6	6	2
Don't know	31	32	31
Refused	1	1	1

49. How helpful do you think the Medicare-approved drug discount cards will be for people on Medicare in general? Will they be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not at all helpful?

	Helpful			Not helpful			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	67	13	53	26	18	8	7	1
Seniors	65	12	52	28	19	9	7	1
Disabled	76	17	59	16	11	5	7	2

50. We've been talking for a while now about the Medicare-approved drug discount cards, which are available NOW to all people on Medicare. Separate from these discount cards, there is a new prescription drug BENEFIT that will give all people on Medicare the option of enrolling in a Medicare DRUG PLAN beginning in 2006. Thinking ahead to 2006 – when the new Medicare drug BENEFIT becomes available – do you think you WILL enroll in a Medicare drug plan, you will NOT enroll in a Medicare drug plan, or have you not yet heard enough to decide?

	Will enroll	Will not enroll	Have not heard enough to decide	Refused
Total	16	21	62	1
Seniors	15	23	61	1
Disabled	22	11	65	1

53. (READ FOR AGES 65+: Virtually all people over the age of 65 are covered by Medicare, and some people also have other insurance or benefits that help them pay for prescription medicines.) Do you currently have any benefits or insurance that helps you pay for prescription medicines?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	66	34	*	--
Seniors	66	34	*	--
Disabled	63	37	*	--

(Asked of those who have benefits that help pay for prescription drugs)

53a. Please tell me if the benefits or insurance that helps you pay for prescription medicines comes from any of the following sources, or not. (READ IN ORDER)

a. An employer or former employer or union

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (n=821)	47	52	*	*
Seniors (n=652)	52	48	1	*
Disabled (n=169)	22	78	--	--

b. Medicaid (or a state Medical Assistance program)

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (n=821)	15	83	2	*
Seniors (n=652)	10	88	2	*
Disabled (n=169)	49	51	--	--

c. Health insurance that you bought yourself, including a Medigap plan or other private plan, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield or AARP

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (n=821)	43	57	1	*
Seniors (n=652)	46	53	1	*
Disabled (n=169)	22	77	*	--

d. The Veterans' Administration

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (n=821)	11	88	1	*
Seniors (n=652)	12	88	*	*
Disabled (n=169)	8	89	3	--

e. A Medicare HMO

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (n=821)	15	84	1	*
Seniors (n=652)	14	84	1	*
Disabled (n=169)	15	84	1	--

f. A prescription drug discount card

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (n=821)	21	77	2	*
Seniors (n=652)	21	77	2	*
Disabled (n=169)	18	77	4	1

Q53/Q53a Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

53. Do you currently have any benefits or insurance that helps you pay for prescription medicines?

53a. Please tell me if the benefits or insurance that helps you pay for prescription medicines comes from any of the following sources, or not. (READ IN ORDER)

a. An employer or former employer or union

	Yes	No	No Rx benefits	Don't know	Refused
Total	31	34	34	*	--
Seniors	34	32	34	*	--
Disabled	14	49	37	*	--

b. Medicaid (or a state Medical Assistance program)

	Yes	No	No Rx benefits	Don't know	Refused
Total	10	54	34	*	--
Seniors	7	58	34	*	--
Disabled	31	32	37	*	--

c. Health insurance that you bought yourself, including a Medigap plan or other private plan, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield or AARP

	Yes	No	No Rx benefits	Don't know	Refused
Total	28	37	34	*	--
Seniors	30	35	34	*	--
Disabled	14	49	37	*	--

d. The Veterans' Administration

	Yes	No	No Rx benefits	Don't know	Refused
Total	7	58	34	*	--
Seniors	8	58	34	*	--
Disabled	5	56	37	*	--

e. A Medicare HMO

	Yes	No	No Rx benefits	Don't know	Refused
Total	10	55	34	*	--
Seniors	10	55	34	*	--
Disabled	10	53	37	*	--

f. A prescription drug discount card

	Yes	No	No Rx benefits	Don't know	Refused
Total	14	50	34	*	--
Seniors	14	51	34	*	--
Disabled	12	48	37	*	--

(Asked of those who have prescription benefits through an employer or union)

56. If you had to guess, do you think that the employer or union that helps you pay for prescription drugs will (continue) offering you this coverage after the new Medicare prescription drug benefit goes into effect, or do you think they will (stop) offering you this coverage after the new benefit goes into effect? (ITEMS IN PARENTHESES ROTATED)

	Continue	Stop	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=400)	57	18	25	*
Seniors (N=348)	57	17	26	*
Disabled (N=52)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			

Q53/Q53a/Q56/Q56a Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

53. Do you currently have any benefits or insurance that helps you pay for prescription medicines?

53a.a Please tell me if the benefits or insurance that helps you pay for prescription medicines comes from any of the following sources, or not... An employer or former employer or union

56. If you had to guess, do you think that the employer or union that helps you pay for prescription drugs will (continue) offering you this coverage after the new Medicare prescription drug benefit goes into effect, or do you think they will (stop) offering you this coverage after the new benefit goes into effect?

56a. Does this concern you, or does it not concern you?

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
Have Rx benefits from an employer or former employer/union (net)	31	34	14
Think employer will continue benefits	18	19	9
Think employer will stop benefits (net)	5	6	3
Yes, this concerns you	4	5	1
No, this doesn't concern you	1	1	2
Don't know if employer will stop or continue	8	9	2
Do not have Rx benefits from an employer or former employer/union	68	66	86

(Asked of those who have prescription benefits through Medicaid)

56b. Were you aware that in 2006, people who are on both Medicare and Medicaid will get their prescription drug benefits from Medicare instead of from Medicaid, or is this not something you were aware of?

	Aware	Not aware	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=132)	7	90	3	1
Seniors (N=72)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			
Disabled (N=60)	<i>Insufficient data to report</i>			

59. Do you currently take any prescription medicine on a daily basis?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	87	13	--	--
Seniors	87	13	--	--
Disabled	92	8	--	--

Q59/Q60 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

59. Do you currently take any prescription medicine on a daily basis?

60. How many different kinds of prescription drugs do you take?

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
Currently take prescription drugs (net)	87	87	92
1	9	10	3
2	14	15	9
3	13	13	13
4	14	15	11
5	10	10	10
6 or more	25	22	43
Do not take prescription drugs	13	13	8

61. How much of a problem is it for you and your family to pay prescription drug costs? Is it very difficult, somewhat difficult, not too difficult, or not at all difficult?

	Difficult			Not difficult			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	47	22	25	52	20	32	1	*
Seniors	43	17	26	55	22	34	1	*
Disabled	69	48	21	30	11	18	*	1

62. In the past year, have you ever not filled a prescription because of the cost, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	20	80	*	*
Seniors	16	84	*	*
Disabled	42	58	--	--

63. In the past year, have you ever cut pills in half or skipped doses of a medication your doctor prescribed in order to make the medicine last longer, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	21	79	--	*
Seniors	17	83	--	*
Disabled	46	54	--	--

(Asked of those who take prescription medicine on a daily basis)

64. Do you currently get any of your prescriptions either online or by mail order, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=1057)	28	72	--	*
Seniors (N=822)	30	69	--	*
Disabled (N=235)	13	87	--	--

Q59/Q64 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

59. Do you currently take any prescription medicine on a daily basis?

64. Do you currently get any of your prescriptions either online or by mail order, or not?

	Take prescription drugs			Do not take prescription drugs
	NET	Get them online or through the mail	Do not get them online or through the mail	
Total	87	24	63	13
Seniors	87	26	60	13
Disabled	92	12	80	8

65. During the past five years, have you ever bought prescription drugs from Canada or some other country in order to get a lower price, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	8	92	--	--
Seniors	9	91	--	--
Disabled	4	96	--	--

67. In the past month, have you seen any television advertisements about the new Medicare prescription drug law, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	42	55	3	--
Seniors	41	56	3	--
Disabled	48	47	5	--

(Asked of those who have seen TV ads about the new Medicare prescription drug law)

68. Overall would you say these ads were generally (positive) towards the new law, generally (negative) towards the new law, or were they mixed?

	Positive	Negative	Mixed	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=546)	34	9	47	10	*
Seniors (N=419)	33	10	46	11	*
Disabled (N=127)	36	6	53	5	--

68b. In the past month, have you seen, heard, or read any NEWS COVERAGE about the new Medicare prescription drug law, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	41	57	2	*
Seniors	42	57	1	*
Disabled	34	61	5	*

(Asked of those who have heard of read news coverage about the new law)

68c. Overall would you say this news coverage was generally (positive) towards the new law, generally (negative) towards the new law, or was it mixed?

	Positive	Negative	Mixed	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=520)	18	17	59	6	*
Seniors (N=416)	18	19	57	7	*
Disabled (N=104)	18	8	71	3	--

69. Have you heard of a toll-free phone number set up by the government, 1-800-MEDICARE, that you can call to get information about Medicare?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	60	38	1	*
Seniors	60	39	1	*
Disabled	60	37	2	--

(Asked of those who have heard of 1-800-MEDICARE)

70. Have you ever called 1-800-MEDICARE, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=742)	16	83	*	--
Seniors (N=584)	15	85	*	--
Disabled (N=158)	27	73	*	--

Q69/Q70 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

69. Have you heard of a toll-free phone number set up by the government, 1-800-MEDICARE, that you can call to get information about Medicare?

70. Have you ever called 1-800-MEDICARE, or not?

	Have heard of 1-800-MEDICARE			Have not heard of 1-800-MEDICARE	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Have called	Have not called			
Total	60	10	50	38	1	*
Seniors	60	9	51	39	1	*
Disabled	60	16	44	37	2	--

71. Have you EVER gone online to use (INSERT ITEM)?

a. The Internet or World Wide Web

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	21	79	--	--
Seniors	20	80	--	--
Disabled	30	70	--	--

b. E-mail

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	22	78	*	--
Seniors	21	79	*	--
Disabled	25	75	--	--

Q71a/Q71b Combination Table

	Ever gone online to use Internet or E-mail	Have never gone online to use Internet or E-mail
Total	25	75
Seniors	24	76
Disabled	33	67

(Asked of those who have ever gone online)

72. Please tell me if you have heard of the following web sites. The first is (INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE)--is this a web site you have heard of? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

a. Medicare.gov

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=383)	56	43	1	--
Seniors (N=270)	53	46	1	--
Disabled (N=113)	67	33	1	--

b. WebMD

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total (N=383)	45	53	2	--
Seniors (N=270)	37	60	2	--
Disabled (N=113)	76	23	1	--

Q71/Q72 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

71. Have you EVER gone online to use the Internet or World Wide Web / E-mail?
 72. Please tell me if you have heard of the following web sites. The first is (INSERT. FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE)--is this a web site you have heard of?

a. Medicare.gov

	Have ever gone online			Never gone online
	NET	Heard of Medicare.gov	Never heard of Medicare.gov	
Total	25	14	11	75
Seniors	24	13	11	76
Disabled	33	22	11	67

b. WebMD

	Have ever gone online			Never gone online
	NET	Heard of WebMD	Never heard of WebMD	
Total	25	11	14	75
Seniors	24	9	14	76
Disabled	33	25	8	67

Q71/Q72/Q73/Q75 Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

71. Have you EVER gone online to use the Internet or World Wide Web / E-mail?
 72. Please tell me if you have heard of the following web sites. The first is (INSERT. FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE)--is this a web site you have heard of?
 73. Have you ever visited the Medicare.gov site on the Internet, or not?
 75. How useful did you find the Medicare.gov web site? Would you say it was very useful, somewhat useful, not too useful, or not at all useful?

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
Have ever gone online to use Internet or E-mail (net)	25	24	33
Heard of Medicare.gov (net)	14	13	22
Visited Medicare.gov (net)	4	4	10
Very useful	1	1	1
Somewhat useful	2	2	6
Not too useful	1	*	3
Not useful at all	*	1	*
Have heard of, but not visited Medicare.gov	9	9	12
Have not heard of Medicare.gov	11	11	11
Have never gone online to use Internet or E-mail	75	76	67

74. As far as you know, has a friend or family member ever visited an Internet web site on your behalf for information about Medicare or the new Medicare-approved drug discount cards, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	3	94	3	--
Seniors	2	95	3	--
Disabled	5	92	3	--

(Asked of those whose friend or family member has visited a website on their behalf)

74a. Do you know if the site they visited was Medicare.gov, or was it some other site?

Note: Insufficient data to report

Q74/Q74a Combination Table Based on Total Respondents

74. As far as you know, has a friend or family member ever visited an Internet web site on your behalf for information about Medicare or the new Medicare-approved drug discount cards, or not?

74a. Do you know if the site they visited was Medicare.gov, or was it some other site?

	Friend or family has visited a website on their behalf				Friend or family has not visited website on their behalf	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Medicare.gov	Another site	Don't know			
Total	3	1	1	1	94	3	--
Seniors	2	*	1	1	95	3	--
Disabled	5	3	--	2	92	3	--

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76. Now thinking about your own health status... In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	Excellent/Very Good/Good				Fair/poor			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Excellent	Very good	Good	NET	Fair	Poor		
Total	59	8	23	27	41	26	14	*	*
Seniors	65	9	26	30	35	24	11	*	*
Disabled	23	4	4	14	77	40	37	--	--

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

	Registered	Not registered	Don't know	Refused
Total	90	10	*	*
Seniors	92	7	*	*
Disabled	72	28	--	--

79. As you may know, around half the public does not vote in presidential elections. How about you – did you vote in the presidential election in 2000, when George W. Bush ran against Al Gore, Ralph Nader, and Pat Buchanan, or did you skip that one?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	84	15	*	1
Seniors	86	13	*	1
Disabled	69	31	--	--

80. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the November 2004 election for president. Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, or are the chances 50-50 or less that you will vote?

	Absolutely certain to vote	Will probably vote	Chances are 50-50 or less that you will vote	Don't know	Refused
Total	77	9	13	1	*
Seniors	79	9	10	1	*
Disabled	62	5	29	2	1

81. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Don't know	Refused
Total	28	40	25	3	3
Seniors	30	40	25	2	3
Disabled	19	44	25	9	4

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

	Married	Living with partner	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never been married	Refused
Total	48	1	32	11	1	5	1
Seniors	50	1	36	7	1	3	1
Disabled	34	4	7	34	4	17	--

83. What is your age?

	18-49	50-64	65-74	75+	Refused
Total	5	8	45	39	2
Seniors	--	--	53	46	1
Disabled	38	58	--	--	4

84. What is your current employment status? Employed, unemployed, retired, a homemaker, or disabled and not working?

	Employed	Un-Employed	Retired	A homemaker	Disabled	Don't know	Refused
Total	10	3	63	9	15	*	1
Seniors	11	3	72	10	4	--	1
Disabled	3	5	8	2	82	*	--

85. Do you or your spouse currently belong to A-A-R-P, the retired persons' organization?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	47	51	1	1
Seniors	51	47	1	1
Disabled	24	76	1	--

86. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
High school graduate or less (NET)	65	65	69
None, or grade 1-8	9	10	6
High school incomplete	20	19	23
High school graduate	35	34	37
GED	2	2	3
Some college (NET)	18	17	22
Business, technical/vocational school	3	3	3
Some college, no 4 year degree	15	14	20
College graduate + (NET)	16	17	9
College graduate	10	11	8
Post-graduate training	6	7	2
Refused	1	1	--

87. Last year -- that is, in 2003 -- what was your (and your spouse's) income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
Less than \$30K (NET)	53	49	79
Less than \$5K	2	2	2
\$5K but less than \$10K	8	6	20
\$10K but less than \$15K	14	11	32
\$15K but less than \$20K	12	12	11
\$20K but less than \$25K	6	6	5
\$25K but less than \$30K	7	7	6
Less than \$30K unspec	4	5	1
\$30K to less than \$50K (NET)	17	18	10
\$30K but less than \$35K	5	6	2
\$35K but less than \$40K	6	6	4
\$40K but less than \$45K	3	3	1
\$45K but less than \$50K	2	2	3
\$30K but less than \$50K unspec	1	1	*
\$50K+ (NET)	14	15	3
\$50K but less than \$60K	4	5	2
\$60K but less than \$75K	2	3	*
\$75K but less than \$100K	2	3	*
\$100K but less than \$150K	2	2	--
\$150K but less than \$200K	*	*	*
\$200K+	1	1	--
\$50k+ unspec	1	2	--
Don't Know	4	4	4
Refused	12	13	4

91. What percent of your income comes from Social Security payments? Does Social Security make up MOST of your income, about HALF, or does it make up LESS THAN HALF of your income?

	Most of your income	Half	Less than half	Don't know	Refused
Total	40	17	36	3	5
Seniors	37	17	38	3	5
Disabled	56	14	22	5	2

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

	Yes	No	Refused
Total	6	93	1
Seniors	6	92	1
Disabled	5	95	--

93. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other Race	Refused
Total	83	10	1	5	1
Seniors	86	8	1	4	1
Disabled	67	22	--	10	*

Q92/Q93 Race Summary Table

	Total	Seniors	Disabled
Non Hispanic	93	92	95
White	80	82	67
Black	10	8	22
Asian	1	1	--
Some other race	2	1	6
Hispanic	6	6	5
Refused	1	1	--



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