

Coping with the Cost of Health Care

How Do We Pay for What We Need?

Now that you've had a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report, which will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?					
a. Large profits earned by health insurance and drug companies are a major cause of skyrocketing health care costs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Quality, affordable health care is a basic right that should be guaranteed to all Americans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Insurance policies with high deductibles discourage people from getting regular check-ups and routine screening tests.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Americans pay far too much for health care and get far too little for it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Requiring employers to provide health insurance for their workers would impose an unfair burden on many small businesses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The greatest health insurance threat most Americans face is being wiped out by the expense of paying for a catastrophic illness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?					
a. Require employers to provide health insurance coverage to all their employees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Expand Medicare to cover all Americans, not just those 65 and older.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Require all Americans to have at least minimum insurance coverage for major medical expenses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Put a limit on the amount that can be awarded in medical malpractice suits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Use the buying power of the government to get reduced prices on prescription drugs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Allow Americans to buy lower-cost prescription drugs imported from Canada and other countries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- | | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Not sure |
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| 3. Do you favor or oppose the statements listed below? | | | | | |
| a. We should require all Americans to have at least major medical insurance, EVEN IF that means raising taxes to cover the costs for those who cannot afford it on their own. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. We should regulate the price of health-related services, such as drugs and hospital costs, EVEN IF this means drug companies may cut back on research and hospitals may not purchase expensive new technologies that can save lives. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. We should guarantee health care for every American, EVEN IF this won't do much to control health-care costs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum?

- Yes No

If yes, how?

5. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before?

- Yes No

If yes, please explain.

6. What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this forum?

7. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

- 0 1-3 4-6 7 or more Not sure

8. Are you male or female? Male Female

9. How old are you?

- 17 or younger 18-30 31-45 46-64 65 or older

10. Are you:

- African American Asian American Hispanic or Latino American Indian or Native American
 White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

11. Where do you live?

- Rural Small town Large city Suburb

12. What is your ZIP code? _____

Please give this form to the forum leader, or mail it to National Issues Forums Research, 100 Commons Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459-2777.