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Seniors on Medicare Part D are satisfied with their Medicare health care coverage, as well as their Medicare prescription drug coverage. Seniors with Medicare would become increasingly dissatisfied with their Medicare prescription drug coverage if government price setting led to limited access to existing medicines, fewer medicine options available, or limited access to new and innovative medicines in the future.

SENIORS WITH MEDICARE ARE SATISFIED WITH THEIR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

- Seniors with Medicare are overwhelmingly satisfied (95%) with their Medicare health care coverage.
 - 2023: 95% satisfied with their Medicare health care coverage
- Seniors with Medicare are overwhelmingly satisfied (89%) with their Medicare prescription drug coverage.
 - 2023: 91% satisfied with their Medicare prescription drug coverage

SENIORS WITH MEDICARE AGREE THEIR PLAN IS CONVENIENT, GOOD VALUE, AND AFFORDABLE

- Seniors with Medicare agree that their plan is convenient to use (93%), a good value (86%), and that their monthly premium is affordable (81%). Also, seniors with Medicare agree that their copays and/or coinsurance for generic (84%) and brand name (76%) medicines is affordable.

POLICY CHANGES THAT RESTRICT ACCESS TO DRUGS FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE NOT POPULAR AMONG SENIORS WITH MEDICARE

- Seniors with Medicare were asked to rank support for a number of proposals, not all of which are covered here, on a ten-point scale from “0” (not supportive at all) to “10” (very supportive).
 - Seniors with Medicare are not supportive of changing the law in Medicare so that the government can restrict access to drugs for seniors and disabilities in order to save money for the federal government (Mean: 3.24).
 - Seniors with Medicare are not supportive of allowing the federal government to set drug prices based on a calculation of the value of a patient’s life (Mean: 3.47).
 - Seniors with Medicare are not supportive of reducing access to certain drugs so that the federal government can save money (Mean: 2.89).

SENIORS WITH MEDICARE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF POLICIES THAT LOWER OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS AND INCREASE TRANSPARENCY

- Seniors with Medicare support ensuring that all patients are fully informed on what medicines are covered and the extent of their out-of-pocket payment requirements (Mean: 9.89).



- Seniors with Medicare support having Part D insurance plans set a maximum limit on what seniors pay out-of-pocket for prescription medicines in each year (Mean: 9.32).
- Seniors with Medicare support allowing seniors with high out-of-pocket spending to spread out their payments over the year, so they have more predictable costs month-to-month (Mean: 9.10).
- Seniors with Medicare support placing a cap on the amount patients pay out of pocket for their coinsurance, copays and other out of pocket costs (Mean: 9.76).
- Seniors with Medicare support improving the patient appeals process for Part D, so it is clearer and more timely (9.53).

SENIORS WITH MEDICARE ARE CONCERNED THAT PRICE SETTING LAWS COULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO MEDICINES AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Percentage of Seniors with Medicare who are Concerned with the Following Potential Consequences of Government Price Setting		
Potential Consequences of Government Price Setting*	% Total Concerned (Very + Somewhat)	
	2024	2023
The government could restrict access to medicines that seniors and people with disabilities currently use.	83%	81%
It could limit people's access to new medicines and treatments that their doctor recommends.	82%	N/A
It could reduce choice and options for prescription drugs that seniors and people with disabilities can get in Medicare.	82%	80%
It would put the government between seniors and their doctors when it comes to making decisions about what medicine is best.	80%	80%
It could require seniors and people with disabilities to try alternative types of medicine before they are able to get the specific medicine their doctor prescribes.	79%	N/A
It could further reduce the number of plan choices (last year saw a drop-off of nearly 100 standalone Part D plans, the smallest selection on record).	76%	N/A

SENIORS WITH MEDICARE WOULD BE UNSATISFIED WITH THEIR PART D COVERAGE BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL OUTCOMES FROM GOVERNMENT PRICE SETTING LAWS

- Seniors with Medicare would be overwhelmingly unsatisfied with their Part D coverage if they knew that government price setting could limit access to existing medicines (79% unsatisfied), fewer medicine options would be available to them (78%), or that you would there could be limited access to new and innovative medicines in the future (77%).

SENIORS WITH MEDICARE WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT A POLICYMAKER WHO LISTENED TO SENIORS' CONCERNS ON PRICE SETTING

- Three-in-four (75%) seniors would be more likely to support a policymaker who listened to seniors' concerns regarding government price setting policies and how they impact their Part D coverage.

*Some tested options not shown

2024 Methodology: This poll was conducted by Moming Consult, on behalf of Healthcare Leadership Council, between August 2-5, 2024 among a sample of 1,012 Seniors Voters with Medicare. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

2023 Methodology: This poll was conducted by Moming Consult, on behalf of Healthcare Leadership Council, between August 3-7, 2023 among a sample of 1,000 Seniors Voters with Medicare. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.