

Insure.com Report Finds Americans are Divided on Health Reform Despite Pandemic

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Foster City, CA – April 29, 2020 – Insure.com, a comprehensive resource for insurance information, has been tracking public opinion on health reform in the run-up to the presidential election. Now, amidst widespread changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Insure.com's experts also wanted to gauge if opinions on health care reform have changed as a result.

To do that, Insure.com surveyed 1,000 Americans for their opinions on the issue.

Those polled were given the following options to choose from:

- Medicare for all
- Keep everything the same
- Public option
- Improve the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Repeal the ACA
- Lower Medicare age eligibility to around 60

The most popular choice was to make no health reforms and instead keep everything the same. That barely beat out Medicare for all.

Not making any health reforms has been gaining momentum over time. In fall 2019, only 7% of respondents supported keeping everything the same. That increased to 17% in winter 2020 and now stands at 24%. One possible reason is that with so much upheaval right now, more people are seeking a sense of normalcy, including with their health care.

There were regional and state differences among survey respondents:

- Midwestern and southern respondents were most likely to prefer no health care reform
- Highest support for lowering Medicare eligibility age to about 60 comes from the south
- States with the highest number of respondents indicating they have changed their mind about health reform include: IL, NC, NM, PA and WI

One thing that has remained consistent with pre-pandemic surveys is a steady support for Medicare for all, which is the opposite of keeping the status quo. Twenty-three percent backed Medicare for all in the latest survey.

Insure.com's managing editor, Les Masterson, is available to answer questions on the survey's findings, as well as how consumers can best navigate insurance questions during the pandemic. For the entire report and its methodology, read: New survey finds Americans remain split on health reform despite COVID-19 pandemic.

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