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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Overwhelming Majority of Iowans Support Allowing Medicare to Negotiate with Drug Companies to Lower Drug Prices

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In advance of the Senate Finance Committee considering legislation on prescription drugs, a new Public Policy Polling survey in Iowa—home state of Chairman Chuck Grassley—finds that **an overwhelming majority (86%) of Iowa voters support legislation to allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to get lower prices for prescription drugs** for consumers, with only 5% in opposition.

- This includes 83% of Iowa Republicans and 81% of Iowans who voted for President Trump in 2016, with only 9% and 8% respectively opposing such legislation.
- A further 75% of Iowans disagree with Senator Grassley's opposition to this legislation, with only 11% of Iowa voters agreeing with him. A majority of Republicans (62-16) and President Trump's 2016 supporters (62-17) also disagree with Senator Grassley's opposition to Medicare drug negotiations.

The poll also finds that that 74% of Iowans believe that any plan to reduce prescription drug prices must apply to everyone, not just those on Medicare. This includes 85% of Democrats, 73% of independents, and 65% of Republicans.

Beyond the debate on affordable prescription drugs, key findings in the survey include:

- A majority of Iowa voters (69%) have a favorable opinion of Medicare, with only 15% having an unfavorable opinion.
- However, 75% of Iowans have an unfavorable opinion of prescription drug companies, with only 12% holding a favorable opinion.
- By an 18-point margin (49-31) Iowans do not believe that the Affordable Care Act should be struck down by the courts.

PPP surveyed 517 Iowa voters from July 18-19, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. The survey was conducted by telephone on behalf of Protect Our Care.



Iowa Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Medicare?

Favorable 69%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 16%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of prescription drug companies?

Favorable 12%
Unfavorable 75%
Not sure 12%

Q3 How important is the issue of health care when deciding who to vote for – is it the most important issue, a very important issue, a somewhat important issue, not that important an issue, or not an important issue at all?

Most important 17%
Somewhat important 46%
Not that important 32%
Not important at all 3%
Not sure 2%

Q4 Current law prohibits Medicare from negotiating with drug companies to get lower prices for prescription drugs for consumers. Legislation has been introduced in Congress to allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices. Do you support or oppose legislation to allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to get lower prices for prescription drugs for consumers?

Support 86%
Oppose 5%
Not sure 9%

Q5 Senator Chuck Grassley opposes the legislation that will allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to get lower prices for prescription drugs for consumers. Do you agree or disagree with Senator Grassley's opposition to ending the ban on Medicare negotiating with drug companies to get lower prices?

Agree 11%
Disagree 75%
Not sure 14%

Q6 Recently the Trump administration's Justice Department went to court to strike down the entire Affordable Care Act without a replacement. Do you think the Affordable Care Act should be struck down by the courts, or not?

Think the ACA should be struck down 31%
Do not think the ACA should be struck down 49%
Not sure 20%

Q7 If this lawsuit succeeds at overturning health care laws, it would let insurance companies stop covering the costs of prescription drugs. Do you think insurance companies should be allowed to stop covering the cost of prescription drugs or do you think they should have to continue?

Think insurance companies should be allowed to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs 11%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover the cost of prescription drugs 79%
Not sure 9%





Q8 If this lawsuit succeeds at overturning health care laws, it would also let insurance companies stop covering people with pre-existing conditions. Do you think insurance companies should be able to stop covering people with pre-existing conditions or do you think they should have to continue?

Think insurance companies should be able to stop covering people with pre-existing conditions 10%

Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover people with pre-existing conditions 82%

Not sure 8%

Q9 There are several new proposals in Congress to lower health care costs and improve the quality of care. I'm going to read you some of them, and after each one, ask if you support or oppose that proposal. Here's the first one: Stop health insurance companies from selling junk health insurance plans that don't cover prescription drug costs and don't protect people with pre-existing conditions.

Support 56%

Oppose 29%

Not sure 15%

Q10 Here's the next one: Any requirement by Congress that lowers drug prices must apply to all consumers including those on employer-based coverage and not just those enrolled in Medicare.

Support 74%

Oppose 12%

Not sure 14%

Q11 Do you support or oppose the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act without any replacement?

Support 28%

Oppose 61%

Not sure 10%

Q12 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump 52%

Hillary Clinton 42%

Someone else / Did not vote 6%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%

Man 47%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent, press 3.

Democrat 37%

Republican 38%

Independent 25%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2,

White 93%

Other 7%

Q16 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 28%

46 to 65 35%

Older than 65 37%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Medicare Favorability				
Favorable	69%	63%	78%	66%
Unfavorable	15%	21%	8%	5%
Not sure	16%	16%	14%	29%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Prescription Drug Companies Favorability				
Favorable	12%	19%	4%	16%
Unfavorable	75%	69%	85%	60%
Not sure	12%	12%	11%	24%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Importance of Health Care When Deciding Who to Vote For				
Most important	17%	15%	19%	33%
Somewhat important	46%	40%	56%	29%
Not that important	32%	37%	25%	35%
Not important at all	3%	5%	-	2%
Not sure	2%	3%	0%	-

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Allowing Medicare to Negotiate Drug Prices Support / Oppose				
Support	86%	81%	92%	88%
Oppose	5%	8%	2%	6%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%	6%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Grassley's Opposition to Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices Agree / Disagree				
Agree	11%	17%	4%	6%
Disagree	75%	62%	92%	74%
Not sure	14%	21%	5%	20%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Think the ACA Should Be Struck Down Yes / No				
Think the ACA should be struck down	31%	56%	1%	18%
Do not think the ACA should be struck down	49%	19%	84%	66%
Not sure	20%	25%	15%	16%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering Prescription Drugs Yes / No				
Think insurance companies should be allowed to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs	11%	20%	2%	1%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover the cost of prescription drugs	79%	68%	94%	82%
Not sure	9%	12%	5%	17%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering People with Pre-Existing Conditions Yes / No				
Think insurance companies should be able to stop covering people with pre-existing conditions	10%	16%	3%	16%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover people with pre-existing conditions	82%	73%	94%	72%
Not sure	8%	12%	3%	11%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Stop Insurance Companies From Selling Junk Plans Support / Oppose				
Support	56%	50%	65%	44%
Oppose	29%	33%	25%	33%
Not sure	15%	18%	10%	23%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Lower Drug Prices Must Apply to All Consumers Support / Oppose				
Support	74%	64%	87%	81%
Oppose	12%	18%	5%	10%
Not sure	14%	18%	8%	10%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Without Replacement Support / Oppose				
Support	28%	52%	1%	19%
Oppose	61%	33%	96%	67%
Not sure	10%	15%	3%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Medicare Favorability			
Favorable	69%	74%	64%
Unfavorable	15%	16%	13%
Not sure	16%	10%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Prescription Drug Companies Favorability			
Favorable	12%	12%	12%
Unfavorable	75%	75%	75%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Importance of Health Care When Deciding Who to Vote For			
Most important	17%	20%	15%
Somewhat important	46%	50%	41%
Not that important	32%	26%	39%
Not important at all	3%	2%	4%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Allowing Medicare to Negotiate Drug Prices Support / Oppose			
Support	86%	86%	86%
Oppose	5%	5%	6%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grassley's Opposition to Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices Agree / Disagree			
Agree	11%	11%	11%
Disagree	75%	76%	74%
Not sure	14%	13%	15%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Think the ACA Should Be Struck Down Yes / No			
Think the ACA should be struck down	31%	26%	37%
Do not think the ACA should be struck down	49%	50%	48%
Not sure	20%	25%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering Prescription Drugs Yes / No			
Think insurance companies should be allowed to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs	11%	9%	14%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover the cost of prescription drugs	79%	86%	72%
Not sure	9%	6%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering People with Pre-Existing Conditions Yes / No			
Think insurance companies should be able to stop covering people with pre-existing conditions	10%	7%	14%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover people with pre-existing conditions	82%	87%	75%
Not sure	8%	6%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stop Insurance Companies From Selling Junk Plans Support / Oppose			
Support	56%	60%	51%
Oppose	29%	27%	33%
Not sure	15%	13%	17%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lower Drug Prices Must Apply to All Consumers Support / Oppose			
Support	74%	80%	67%
Oppose	12%	8%	17%
Not sure	14%	12%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Without Replacement Support / Oppose			
Support	28%	23%	35%
Oppose	61%	66%	56%
Not sure	10%	12%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Medicare Favorability				
Favorable	69%	79%	62%	67%
Unfavorable	15%	12%	21%	8%
Not sure	16%	8%	17%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Prescription Drug Companies Favorability				
Favorable	12%	13%	12%	12%
Unfavorable	75%	78%	75%	71%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Importance of Health Care When Deciding Who to Vote For				
Most important	17%	16%	17%	20%
Somewhat important	46%	62%	30%	46%
Not that important	32%	18%	46%	31%
Not important at all	3%	1%	6%	2%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	0%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Allowing Medicare to Negotiate Drug Prices Support / Oppose				
Support	86%	88%	83%	87%
Oppose	5%	2%	9%	4%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%	9%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Grassley's Opposition to Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices Agree / Disagree				
Agree	11%	10%	16%	4%
Disagree	75%	84%	62%	82%
Not sure	14%	6%	22%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Think the ACA Should Be Struck Down Yes / No				
Think the ACA should be struck down	31%	12%	56%	20%
Do not think the ACA should be struck down	49%	75%	19%	56%
Not sure	20%	13%	25%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering Prescription Drugs Yes / No				
Think insurance companies should be allowed to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs	11%	6%	19%	6%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover the cost of prescription drugs	79%	89%	65%	86%
Not sure	9%	4%	16%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering People with Pre-Existing Conditions Yes / No				
Think insurance companies should be able to stop covering people with pre-existing conditions	10%	6%	14%	11%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover people with pre-existing conditions	82%	93%	70%	82%
Not sure	8%	1%	16%	6%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Stop Insurance Companies From Selling Junk Plans				
Support	56%	61%	50%	57%
Oppose	29%	30%	26%	34%
Not sure	15%	10%	24%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Lower Drug Prices Must Apply to All Consumers				
Support	74%	85%	65%	73%
Oppose	12%	7%	14%	17%
Not sure	14%	8%	22%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Without Replacement				
Support	28%	12%	52%	18%
Oppose	61%	82%	33%	72%
Not sure	10%	6%	14%	10%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Medicare Favorability			
Favorable	69%	71%	46%
Unfavorable	15%	13%	30%
Not sure	16%	15%	24%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Prescription Drug Companies Favorability			
Favorable	12%	12%	18%
Unfavorable	75%	75%	76%
Not sure	12%	13%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Importance of Health Care When Deciding Who to Vote For			
Most important	17%	17%	27%
Somewhat important	46%	45%	56%
Not that important	32%	34%	11%
Not important at all	3%	3%	2%
Not sure	2%	2%	4%



	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Allowing Medicare to Negotiate Drug Prices Support / Oppose			
Support	86%	87%	75%
Oppose	5%	6%	-
Not sure	9%	7%	25%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Grassley's Opposition to Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices Agree / Disagree			
Agree	11%	11%	11%
Disagree	75%	76%	64%
Not sure	14%	13%	25%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Think the ACA Should Be Struck Down Yes / No			
Think the ACA should be struck down	31%	30%	39%
Do not think the ACA should be struck down	49%	49%	48%
Not sure	20%	21%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering Prescription Drugs Yes / No			
Think insurance companies should be allowed to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs	11%	11%	18%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover the cost of prescription drugs	79%	81%	65%
Not sure	9%	9%	18%



	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering People with Pre-Existing Conditions Yes / No			
Think insurance companies should be able to stop covering people with pre-existing conditions	10%	10%	20%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover people with pre-existing conditions	82%	82%	70%
Not sure	8%	8%	10%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Stop Insurance Companies From Selling Junk Plans Support / Oppose			
Support	56%	56%	59%
Oppose	29%	29%	33%
Not sure	15%	15%	8%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Lower Drug Prices Must Apply to All Consumers Support / Oppose			
Support	74%	76%	56%
Oppose	12%	11%	25%
Not sure	14%	13%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Without Replacement Support / Oppose			
Support	28%	28%	30%
Oppose	61%	61%	68%
Not sure	10%	11%	2%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Medicare Favorability				
Favorable	69%	62%	63%	82%
Unfavorable	15%	24%	15%	7%
Not sure	16%	14%	22%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Prescription Drug Companies Favorability				
Favorable	12%	16%	11%	12%
Unfavorable	75%	71%	77%	76%
Not sure	12%	13%	12%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Importance of Health Care When Deciding Who to Vote For				
Most important	17%	16%	18%	18%
Somewhat important	46%	44%	51%	43%
Not that important	32%	35%	28%	33%
Not important at all	3%	2%	1%	4%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	1%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Allowing Medicare to Negotiate Drug Prices Support / Oppose				
Support	86%	72%	89%	93%
Oppose	5%	9%	6%	2%
Not sure	9%	19%	5%	5%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Grassley's Opposition to Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices Agree / Disagree				
Agree	11%	11%	10%	12%
Disagree	75%	74%	73%	79%
Not sure	14%	16%	17%	9%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Think the ACA Should Be Struck Down Yes / No				
Think the ACA should be struck down	31%	32%	35%	26%
Do not think the ACA should be struck down	49%	44%	50%	52%
Not sure	20%	23%	16%	22%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering Prescription Drugs Yes / No				
Think insurance companies should be allowed to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs	11%	23%	8%	5%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover the cost of prescription drugs	79%	71%	82%	83%
Not sure	9%	6%	9%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Think Insurance Companies Should Be Allowed to Stop Covering People with Pre-Existing Conditions Yes / No				
Think insurance companies should be able to stop covering people with pre-existing conditions	10%	18%	10%	5%
Think insurance companies should have to continue to cover people with pre-existing conditions	82%	69%	83%	90%
Not sure	8%	13%	8%	5%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stop Insurance Companies From Selling Junk Plans Support / Oppose				
Support	56%	58%	60%	51%
Oppose	29%	29%	25%	34%
Not sure	15%	14%	15%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lower Drug Prices Must Apply to All Consumers Support / Oppose				
Support	74%	62%	80%	78%
Oppose	12%	21%	9%	9%
Not sure	14%	18%	11%	13%



	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Republican Efforts to Repeal ACA Without Replacement Support / Oppose				
Support	28%	24%	35%	25%
Oppose	61%	68%	57%	61%
Not sure	10%	8%	8%	14%