■ DATA FOR **PROGRESS**



From February 9 to 12, 2024, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,241 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,241 unless otherwise specified.

[1] People enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans are often required to obtain a **prior authorization** from their private health insurance company before accessing care. This can lead to wrongful delays and denials of care.

Recently, the federal government implemented new rules to **reduce** wrongful delays and denials of care due to prior authorizations for Medicare Advantage enrollees.

For each of the following rules, please say whether you support or oppose it:

— Requiring Medicare Advantage plans to make prior authorization decisions within 7 days for non-urgent requests, and 3 days for urgent requests — cutting decision times in half for some patients

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	43	48	41	39	45	41	32	49	40	48	36	37	47	29
Somewhat support	29	30	28	29	26	32	33	27	29	29	41	31	28	31
Somewhat oppose	7	4	11	9	7	8	11	5	9	5	4	14	7	10
Strongly oppose	6	6	4	7	6	5	7	5	6	6	2	9	4	12
Don't know	15	12	17	17	16	14	17	14	17	12	17	10	14	18
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	72	78	69	68	71	73	65	76	69	77	77	68	75	60
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	13	10	15	16	13	13	18	10	15	11	6	23	11	22
SUPPORT (NET)	+59	+68	+54	+52	+58	+60	+47	+66	+54	+66	+71	+45	+64	+38
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

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For each of the following rules, please say whether you support or oppose it:

— Requiring Medicare Advantage plans to state the specific reason for denying a prior authorization request whenever a request is denied

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	56	62	53	52	59	53	41	64	52	63	36	48	62	37
Somewhat support	20	20	20	19	19	20	24	18	18	23	39	24	18	25
Somewhat oppose	7	6	8	9	5	11	14	4	10	4	6	13	6	11
Strongly oppose	4	4	4	5	4	4	6	3	5	2	3	7	3	7
Don't know	13	9	15	15	13	12	14	12	16	8	15	9	11	20
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	76	82	73	71	78	73	65	82	70	86	75	72	80	62
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	10	12	14	9	15	20	7	15	6	9	20	9	18
SUPPORT (NET)	+65	+72	+61	+57	+69	+58	+45	+75	+55	+80	+66	+52	+71	+44
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For each of the following rules, please say whether you support or oppose it:

— Requiring Medicare Advantage plans to create an online database that health care providers can use to determine whether a prior authorization is needed for a certain type of medical care

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	47	54	47	41	49	45	37	53	43	54	36	37	52	37
Somewhat support	27	27	27	29	25	30	31	26	28	26	37	31	25	30
Somewhat oppose	7	5	7	9	6	8	11	5	7	6	8	14	6	10
Strongly oppose	4	5	3	4	5	3	6	3	5	3	2	8	4	5
Don't know	14	10	16	18	15	14	15	14	16	11	16	10	14	18
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	74	81	74	70	74	75	68	79	71	80	73	68	77	67
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	10	10	13	11	11	17	8	12	9	10	22	10	15
SUPPORT (NET)	+63	+71	+64	+57	+63	+64	+51	+71	+59	+71	+63	+46	+67	+52
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Recently, the federal government implemented new rules to **reduce** wrongful delays and denials of care due to prior authorizations for Medicare Advantage enrollees.

For each of the following rules, please say whether you support or oppose it:

— Requiring Medicare Advantage plans to publicly report key metrics on prior authorizations for people enrolled in their plans

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	41	49	39	35	41	41	36	43	37	47	32	41	43	33
Somewhat support	25	23	29	25	24	27	24	26	25	26	39	23	26	22
Somewhat oppose	9	9	8	11	7	12	15	7	11	7	6	13	8	17
Strongly oppose	4	5	4	5	5	3	6	3	5	3	3	11	4	7
Don't know	20	15	21	24	23	17	19	21	22	16	20	11	20	21
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	66	72	68	60	65	68	60	69	62	73	71	64	69	55
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	13	14	12	16	12	15	21	10	16	10	9	24	12	24
SUPPORT (NET)	+53	+58	+56	+44	+53	+53	+39	+59	+46	+63	+62	+40	+57	+31
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

[5] Do you support or oppose requiring Medicare Advantage plans to publicly release the methodologies they use for determining whether or not to deny someone medical care?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	50	54	52	44	50	49	39	55	44	59	35	41	55	32
Somewhat support	27	24	26	31	24	31	29	26	27	28	44	21	26	35
Somewhat oppose	8	8	7	9	8	8	14	5	9	6	10	20	6	11
Strongly oppose	6	7	5	5	7	4	7	5	8	1	4	10	5	10
Don't know	10	7	11	11	11	8	11	9	12	5	7	8	9	12
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	77	78	78	75	74	80	68	81	71	87	79	62	81	67
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	14	15	12	14	15	12	21	10	17	7	14	30	11	21
SUPPORT (NET)	+63	+63	+66	+61	+59	+68	+47	+71	+54	+80	+65	+32	+70	+46
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[6] Under Medicare Advantage, the government pays private insurance companies a higher rate for patients who are sicker.

According to federal investigators, many private insurance companies have exploited this rule by claiming that their patients are sicker than they actually are in order to receive extra money. This has led to hundreds of billions of dollars in overpayments from the U.S. government.

Knowing what you know now, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
We should take strong action to crack down on abuse in Medicare Advantage.	82	82	81	81	81	82	73	86	78	87	83	80	84	71
We should not take strong action to crack down on abuse in Medicare Advantage.	9	9	9	8	8	10	14	6	10	6	7	11	8	10
Don't know	10	8	10	11	11	9	13	8	12	6	10	9	8	19
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

[7] According to federal investigators, many private insurance companies have claimed that their patients are sicker than they actually are in order to receive extra money from Medicare Advantage.

In order to address these overpayments, the federal government implemented a new rule that will **reduce** overpayments to Medicare Advantage plans that have claimed that patients are sicker than they actually are.

Do you support or oppose this rule?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	47	52	45	44	46	48	38	52	44	53	32	48	50	35
Somewhat support	31	30	30	34	32	31	32	31	31	32	42	25	32	38
Somewhat oppose	8	7	11	7	7	9	14	4	9	5	9	10	6	15
Strongly oppose	3	5	2	3	3	3	5	2	3	3	0	8	3	4
Don't know	10	7	11	12	12	8	10	10	12	7	17	10	10	9
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	78	82	75	78	78	79	70	83	75	85	74	73	82	73
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	12	13	10	10	12	19	6	12	8	9	18	9	19
SUPPORT (NET)	+67	+70	+62	+68	+68	+67	+51	+77	+63	+77	+65	+55	+73	+54
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

[8] In order to address Medicare Advantage overpayments, the federal government implemented a new rule that will **reduce** overpayments to Medicare Advantage plans that have claimed that patients are sicker than they actually are.

Do you think this new rule should be implemented immediately or phased in over 3 years, or do you not support this rule?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
This rule should be implemented immediately	59	63	55	58	62	56	49	64	58	61	49	61	62	43
This rule should be phased in over 3 years	21	20	24	20	17	26	27	17	19	25	28	21	20	27
I do not support this rule	6	7	5	7	6	6	10	4	7	5	2	8	5	17
Don't know	14	10	16	16	15	13	14	14	16	9	21	9	14	13
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

[9] Overpayments to insurance companies offering Medicare Advantage plans have cost the U.S. government hundreds of billions of dollars.

Some lawmakers have proposed that the U.S. should **aggressively** collect the funds that were overcharged. They argue that this will save hundreds of billions of dollars for the Medicare Trust Fund, hold insurance companies accountable, and reduce Medicare premiums.

Opponents argue that collecting the funds would effectively be a cut to Medicare, and would hurt the ability of Medicare Advantage to provide quality care.

Do you agree or disagree that the U.S. should **aggressively** collect the funds that were overcharged?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly agree	30	30	29	32	28	33	25	33	29	33	15	31	32	24
Somewhat agree	37	39	32	38	37	37	34	39	34	42	46	28	38	37
Somewhat disagree	15	16	19	11	16	14	22	12	17	12	16	24	13	25
Strongly disagree	5	6	4	4	5	4	6	4	5	3	5	7	5	1
Don't know	13	8	16	15	14	11	13	12	15	9	18	10	12	13
AGREE (TOTAL)	67	69	61	70	65	70	59	72	63	75	61	59	70	61
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	20	22	23	15	21	18	28	16	22	15	21	31	18	26
AGREE (NET)	+47	+47	+38	+55	+44	+52	+31	+56	+41	+60	+40	+28	+52	+35
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

[10] Cracking down on Medicare Advantage overpayments could save taxpayers \$88 billion per year.

Some lawmakers in Congress have proposed reinvesting these annual savings into Traditional Medicare. These reinvestments could expand Traditional Medicare to cover hearing, vision, and dental care, as well as a limit on out-of-pocket health care spending.

Do you support or oppose reinvesting annual savings from cracking down on Medicare Advantage overpayments into Traditional Medicare to cover hearing, vision, and dental care and an out-of-pocket spending limit?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	41	47	43	34	43	40	34	45	39	45	31	39	44	33
Somewhat support	34	33	33	37	34	34	34	35	35	33	49	34	34	35
Somewhat oppose	9	10	8	10	8	11	15	7	9	11	7	12	8	16
Strongly oppose	3	3	2	4	2	4	5	2	4	3	5	8	2	4
Don't know	12	7	14	14	13	10	12	11	13	8	9	8	12	12
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	75	80	76	71	77	74	68	80	74	78	80	73	78	68
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	12	13	10	14	10	15	20	9	13	14	12	20	10	20
SUPPORT (NET)	+63	+67	+66	+57	+67	+59	+48	+71	+61	+64	+68	+53	+68	+48
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

[11] Medicare Advantage plans restrict access to doctors and hospitals. Unlike Traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage only covers enrollees' care from providers in their network, meaning that if enrollees need care outside of the network, they must often pay the full price out of pocket.

Do you support or oppose requiring Medicare Advantage plans to cover services from any medical provider that accepts Medicare's approved rate?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	47	53	50	38	47	46	35	53	45	49	23	46	51	29
Somewhat support	30	27	28	33	29	30	33	28	27	34	57	32	29	28
Somewhat oppose	9	9	8	11	8	11	15	6	10	9	9	8	7	25
Strongly oppose	4	2	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	3	2	3	4	5
Don't know	11	8	11	14	12	10	13	10	14	5	9	11	9	12
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	77	80	78	71	76	76	68	81	72	83	80	78	80	57
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	13	11	12	16	12	14	19	9	14	12	11	11	11	30
SUPPORT (NET)	+64	+69	+66	+55	+64	+62	+49	+72	+58	+71	+69	+67	+69	+27
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164

[12] Would you support or oppose adding an out-of-pocket spending limit in Traditional Medicare, similar to the out-of-pocket limit in Medicare Advantage?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub- lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	29	34	26	25	25	33	26	30	29	28	14	29	30	28
Somewhat support	33	31	35	34	34	32	31	34	30	39	32	29	34	31
Somewhat oppose	14	13	14	16	14	14	19	12	14	15	32	21	11	21
Strongly oppose	10	10	6	11	10	9	9	10	11	7	5	11	10	7
Don't know	14	11	18	15	16	12	14	14	17	10	17	11	14	14
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	62	65	61	59	59	65	57	64	59	67	46	58	64	59
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	24	23	20	27	24	23	28	22	25	22	37	32	21	28
SUPPORT (NET)	+38	+42	+41	+32	+35	+42	+29	+42	+34	+45	+9	+26	+43	+31
Weighted N	1,241	451	322	468	664	577	440	801	795	446	51	136	901	164