Alliance to Fight for Health Care

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## U.S. health care poll results: Cost & transparency top concerns Voters want to build on the current health care system

The Alliance to Fight for Health Care, a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage, today released national polling by John Anzalone and ALG | Research on the U.S. health care system.

"American voters are echoing the message we have conveyed to policymakers: the problem with health care is cost.," said **James A. Klein**, president of the **American Benefits Council**. "The Alliance's goal is to advance public policy that makes health care more affordable, strengthens job-based coverage and supports continued innovation that delivers value to working families."

Overall, voters give the U.S. health care system a positive rating, they are satisfied with their own health care coverage, and they do not want major disruptive changes to the health care system— they want to make sure health care is more affordable and that there is transparency in the system so they understand what their health care costs are and what is driving those costs.

The new poll finds:

- Voters give the U.S. health care system a positive rating
  - 79 percent excellent/good for innovation in treatment
  - o 79 percent excellent/good for high quality care
  - o 77 percent excellent/good for choice in doctors
- Cost and transparency top concerns
  - o 65 percent negative rating for costs that are affordable
  - o 62 percent negative rating for transparency in pricing
- Personal satisfaction with one's own health care coverage is high
  - With an overall satisfaction rate of 85 percent, people like their health care coverage
- Employer-provided health care coverage is popular
  - Employer-provided health insurance comes out on top across nearly all measures tested, particularly on choice, quality, and comprehensive coverage
- Voters are averse to major disruptive changes in the health care system
  - 70 percent of voters prefer to build on what we have today with the U.S. health care system, with businesses and government working together to offer a variety of coverage options

"The Alliance to Fight for Health Care looks forward to working with lawmakers and key stakeholder to help fix what is broken and building on what works well. In the coming months we will advance policies that lower costs, improve quality and preserve the employer-provided health care coverage that millions of Americans like and want to keep," Klein concluded.

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The Alliance to Fight for Health Care is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families. The coalition (previously working as the Alliance to Fight the 40), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40 percent "Cadillac Tax" on health care coverage.

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