Americans Support Patient-Centered Solutions, Oppose Government Assigning Value

Concerns with cost-effectiveness assessments
Q: How concerned would you be, if at all, if the government or your health insurance company decided to make health care coverage or payment decisions using these assessments?

- Very concerned: 50%
- Somewhat concerned: 32%
- Not very concerned: 7%
- Not at all concerned: 2%
- Don’t know/no opinion: 9%

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
Q: How important or unimportant is it for Congress to continue funding PCORI to provide information to doctors and patients on the effectiveness of different treatments for different patients?

- Important: 72%
- Not Important: 9%
- Don’t know/no opinion: 19%

Safeguarding protections in Medicare
Q: Current Medicare law includes a safeguard saying the government cannot use cost-effectiveness to make coverage or payment decisions, because it may discriminate against the elderly and people with disabilities. How important or unimportant do you think it is to have this protection?

- Important: 85%
- Not Important: 6%
- Don’t know/no opinion: 9%

Nine in 10 believe health care decisions should be made between patients and their doctors.

What matters to patients
Q: From the following, which 1 or 2 considerations do you think should be the most important considerations when deciding how medical treatments are covered?

- Cost-effectiveness: 20%
- Health outcomes: 48%
- Patient preferences: 28%
- Doctor’s recommendations: 47%
- Cost of treatment: 25%
- Side effects: 14%

Voters believe health outcomes, doctor’s recommendations and patient preferences are far more important than the cost-effectiveness when considering how medical treatments are covered.

Survey methodology
- 2,001 registered voters from February 15-18, 2019
- Results from the survey have a margin of error of ±2%

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