Patient knowledge of Medicare Part D reform

Poll conducted by Morning Consult on behalf of the PAN Foundation

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Methodology: This poll was conducted between December 2-4, 2023 among a sample of 2,202 adults. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of adults based on age, gender, race, educational attainment, region, gender by age, and race by educational attainment. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.
Knowledge of Medicare
Part D reform
Four-in-five (79%) adults covered by Medicare are currently enrolled in Medicare Part D through a standalone prescription drug plan or through a Medicare Advantage plan that includes prescription drug benefits.

Are you currently enrolled in Medicare Part D through a standalone prescription drug plan or through a Medicare Advantage plan that includes prescription drug benefits?

Among adults covered by Medicare (n=491, MOE: 4%)

- Yes: 79%
- No: 18%
- Don't know/Unsure: 3%
Nearly two-thirds (62%) of adults enrolled in Medicare Part D plans say they are not familiar with the upcoming Medicare Part D reform taking place on January 1, 2024, including one-fourth (26%) who say they are not familiar at all.

As you may know, there are several changes to Medicare Part D that will be effective on January 1, 2024. How familiar are you, if at all, with the upcoming Medicare Part D reform taking place on January 1, 2024?

Among adults enrolled in Medicare Part D plans (n=390, MOE: 5%)

- Very familiar: 11%
- Somewhat familiar: 26%
- Not too familiar: 36%
- Not familiar at all: 26%
The majority (67%) of adults enrolled in Medicare Part D plans say they don’t know what the limit for out-of-pocket prescription costs will be as part of the upcoming Medicare Part D reform.

As you may know, the upcoming Medicare Part D reform includes provisions to lower out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications. Complete the following sentence to the best of your knowledge.

Effective January 1, 2024, out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications will have a limit of about $______ for people enrolled in Medicare Part D plans.

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Just one-in-ten (8%) adults correctly say the out-of-pocket limit for prescription medications will be about $3,250 for people enrolled in Medicare Part D plans.
Two-in-five (38%) adults enrolled in Medicare Part D plans say a limit of $3,250 on their out-of-pocket costs would not help their ability to afford prescription medications at all.

As you may know, effective January 1, 2024, out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications will have a limit of about $3,250 for people enrolled in Medicare Part D plans. Generally speaking, how much would a limit of $3,250 on your out-of-pocket costs help your ability to afford your prescription medications?

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- Wouldn’t help my ability to afford my prescription medications at all: 38%
- Would help my ability to afford my prescription medications a great deal: 15%
- Would help my ability to afford my prescription medications a moderate amount: 15%
- Would help my ability to afford my prescription medications only a little: 12%
- Don’t know/No opinion: 20%
Appendix
Sample distribution—adults enrolled in Medicare Part D plans

**Gender**
- Male: 41%
- Female: 59%

**Age**
- 18-34: 17%
- 35-44: 16%
- 45-64: 23%
- 65+: 44%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- White (Non-Hispanic): 82%
- Hispanic: 8%
- Black (Non-Hispanic): 4%
- Other (Non-Hispanic): 3%

**Region**
- Northeast: 19%
- Midwest: 21%
- South: 40%
- West: 20%

**Education**
- < College: 17%
- Bachelors degree: 60%
- Post-grad: 23%

**Income**
- Under 50k: 25%
- 50k-100k: 31%
- 100k+: 44%

**Community**
- Urban: 54%
- Suburban: 21%
- Rural: 25%

n=390; MOE: 5%