

TO: Modern Medicaid Alliance
FR: Morning Consult
DT: May 2020
RE: Survey Results: Funding Medicaid Amidst COVID-19

Morning Consult, on behalf of the Modern Medicaid Alliance, conducted an online survey among a national sample of 1,987 registered voters, including 273 voters covered by Medicaid. The interviews were conducted May 14-17, 2020. The data were weighted to approximate a target sample of registered voters based on age, race, gender, educational attainment, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/- 2%.

KEY FINDINGS

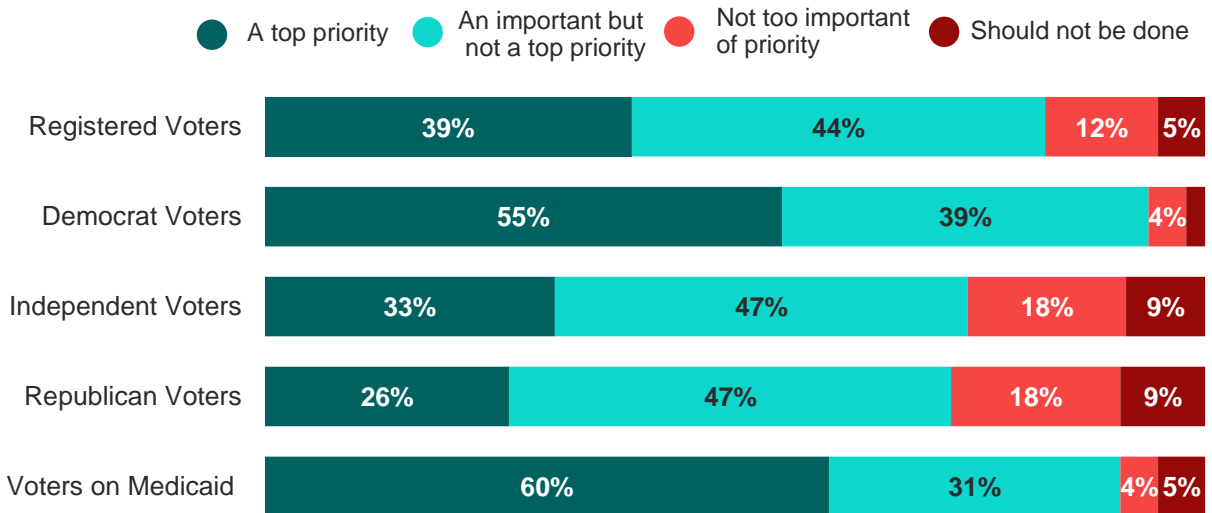
Priority of Funding Medicaid during COVID-19

Four in five voters (83%) think increasing funding for Medicaid amid COVID-19 should be a priority for Congress. There is consensus between Democrat (94%) and Republican voters (73%) that increasing funding should be an important priority.

A majority of voters (56%) think funding Medicaid should be the most important priority rather than balancing state governments’ budgets (44%) during COVID-19.

Priority of Funding Medicaid

How much of a priority, if at all, should it be for Congress to increase funding for Medicaid during COVID-19 or coronavirus?



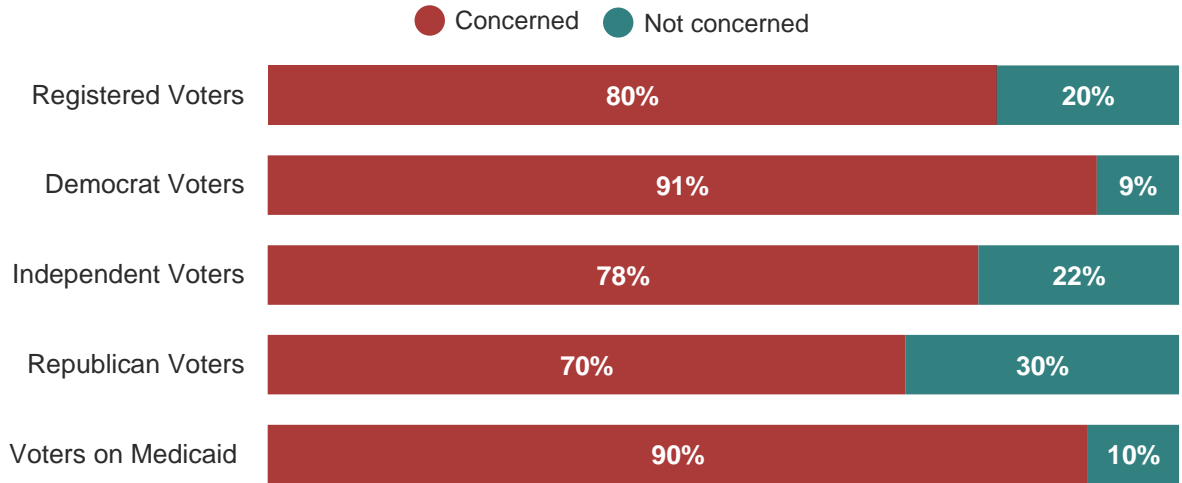
Funding for Medicaid Amidst COVID-19 Crisis

After learning estimates show 40 million Americans have lost their jobs over the past two months, and nearly 30 million have lost their health insurance, **over three quarters of voters (79%) think it is better for lawmakers to increase spending on public programs like Medicaid** rather than decrease spending (21%).

80% of voters are concerned about Medicaid benefits provided to beneficiaries being cut during COVID-19. A bipartisan majority of Democrat (91%) and Republican (70%) voters are concerned about cutting benefits provided to beneficiaries. And, 90% of voters covered by Medicaid are concerned about Medicaid cutting benefits.

Concern of Cutting Medicaid Benefits

How concerned are you, if at all, about Medicaid cutting benefits provided to beneficiaries?



When asked to choose, a majority of voters (66%) think we should ensure Medicaid is strong and stable to help the millions of Americans who have lost their job and health insurance during the COVID-19 crisis rather than saying we cannot afford to increase funding for Medicaid at the expense of other priorities during the COVID-19 crisis (34%). Among voters who have been laid off, furloughed, or fired within the last two months, 75% think we should make sure Medicaid is strong and stable.

Funding for Medicaid During COVID-19 Crisis

Thinking about the response to COVID-19, which of the following best represents your view?



Medicaid was created to help Americans through challenging economic times. We should make sure that Medicaid is strong and stable to help the millions of Americans who have lost their job and their health insurance coverage during the coronavirus.

We need to make sure that we balance the needs of those who rely on Medicaid as well as the needs of hardworking taxpayers. We cannot afford to increase funding for Medicaid at the expense of other priorities during the coronavirus.

Favorability of Medicaid

A majority of voters (57%) have a favorable opinion of Medicaid. Among voters covered by Medicaid 79% have a favorable opinion, 18% neutral opinion, and only 3% with an unfavorable opinion of Medicaid.