

TO: Modern Medicaid Alliance
FR: Morning Consult
DT: February 16, 2021
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 1,995 registered voters, including 277 voters covered by Medicaid. The interviews were conducted February 4-8, 2021. 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

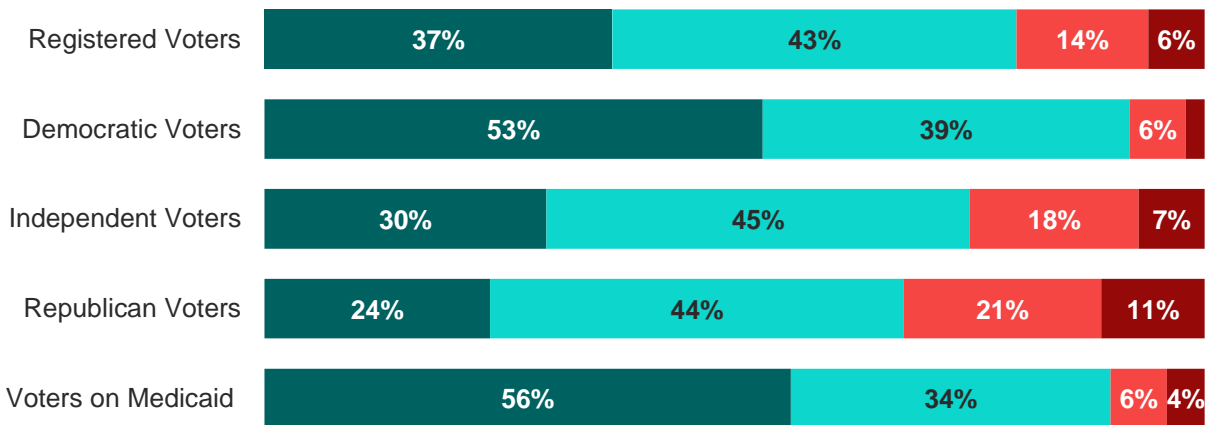
Four in five voters (80%) think increasing funding for Medicaid amid COVID-19 should be a priority for Congress and for the Biden-Harris administration (75%) in its first 100 days. There is consensus between Democratic (92%) and Republican voters (68%) that increasing funding should be an important priority for Congress.

A majority of voters (55%) think funding Medicaid should be the most important priority during COVID-19 rather than balancing state government’s budgets (45%) during COVID-19. Only 6% of voters think increasing funding for Medicaid during COVID-19 should not be done.

Priority of Funding Medicaid

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

● A top priority ● An important but not a top priority ● Not too important of priority ● Should not be done



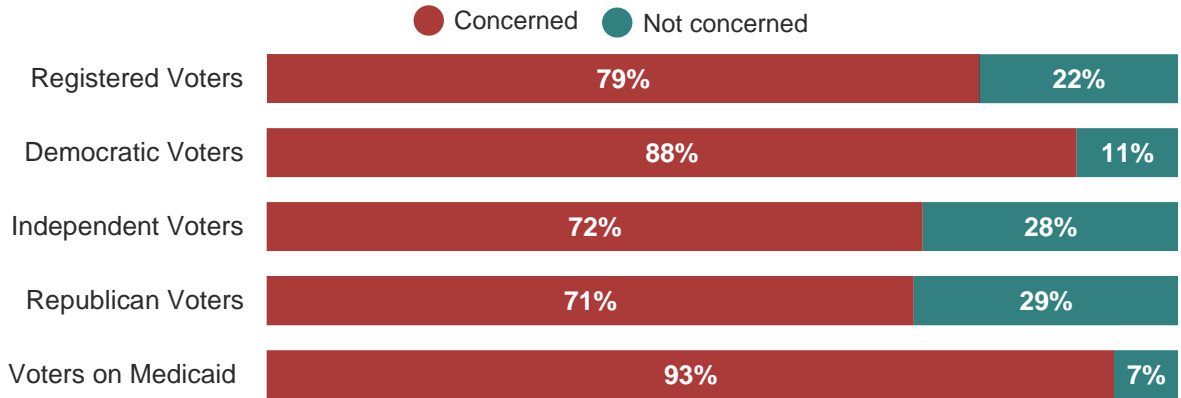
Funding for Medicaid Amidst COVID-19 Crisis

After learning that more than 4 million adults and children have enrolled in Medicaid as a result of the economic impact of COVID-19, **over three quarters of voters (78%) think it is better for lawmakers to increase spending on public programs like Medicaid** rather than decrease spending (22%).

Four in five voters (79%) are concerned about Medicaid benefits provided to enrollees being cut during the COVID-19 crisis. A bipartisan majority of Democratic (88%) and Republican (71%) voters are concerned about cutting benefits provided to enrollees. Additionally, 93% of voters covered by Medicaid are concerned about Medicaid cutting benefits.

Concern of Cutting Medicaid Benefits

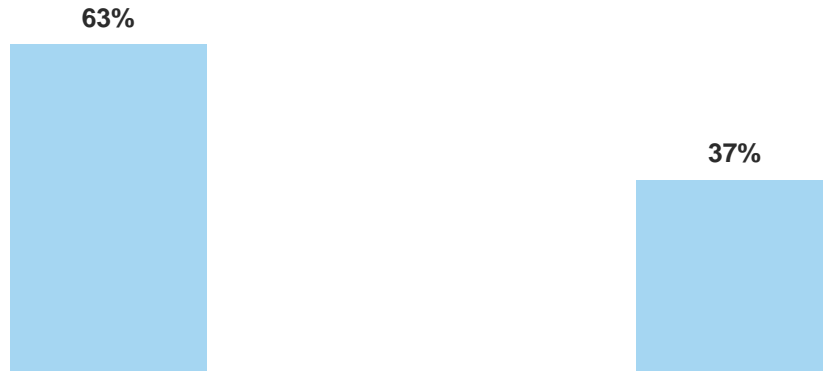
How concerned are you, if at all, about cuts to Medicaid benefits?



When asked to choose, a majority of voters (63%) think we should ensure Medicaid is strong and stable to help the growing number of Americans who rely on Medicaid for 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 (37%).

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 growing number of Americans who rely on it for health coverage during the COVID-19 crisis.

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 COVID-19 crisis.

Impact of Medicaid Funding on the Vote

A Congress member’s decision to support funding for Medicaid positively impacts voters support. A majority of voters (59%) say they would be more likely to support their member of Congress if he/she supported increased funding for Medicaid.

Favorability of Medicaid

Two in three voters (65%) have a favorable opinion of Medicaid, an 8% increase from May 2020. Among voters covered by Medicaid 82% have a favorable opinion, 14% have a neutral opinion, and only 4% have an unfavorable opinion of Medicaid.