# **Voters' Health Care Priorities**



Survey of Michigan Likely Voters

### Michigan Voters Say Fixing Health Care Is a Top Priority

- Michigan voters say health care is one of the top-two issues informing their vote this November.
- About 9 in 10 say improving health care should be a "top" or "major" priority for elected officials and they want them to do more to improve health care.
- Michigan voters desire lower health fees and want their out-of-pocket costs to be more predictable.
- They want politicians and the private sector industry leaders to focus on policy reforms that make the health care system more affordable and the cost more transparent to consumers.

#### *Voters want health care to be a priority* How much improving health care... ...is a current priority to your elected representatives ...**should be** a priority to your officials 51% ■ Top priority ■ Major priority ■ Low/No priority The most important issues on voters' minds 71% Health care 49% 48% The economy 49% 32% **Immigration** 30% 19% The environment 16% 15% Education Michigan 17% Voters

# Voters are frustrated by health costs

22%

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Percentage of voters frustrated by the following
76% Hospital fees and unexpected hospital bills
75% Insurance costs, like premiums, copays and deductibles
66% Out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs
Out-of-pocket costs for routine visits to a

#### Voters want transparency in costs

Percent of voters who want more of the following

87% Clarity on out of pocket costs at hospitals

86% Clarity on what health care providers and medicines are covered by your insurance

80% Clarity on out of pocket costs for prescriptions

78% specific health treatments prescribed by a doctor are denied by insurers

## Broad support for real solutions

Percentage of voters want the following changes

Pharmacists should be able to inform94% customers at the point-of-sale of ways to save money on a prescription

Pharmaceutical companies should have to
provide information about drug costs and financial assistance available to patients

Pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and
health insurers should be more transparent about the cost and access to health care

Insurance companies should not be able to80% prevent patients from reaching their insurance deductible



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