

# Voters' Health Care Priorities



Survey of Oregon Likely Voters



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

- Oregon 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.
- Oregon 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

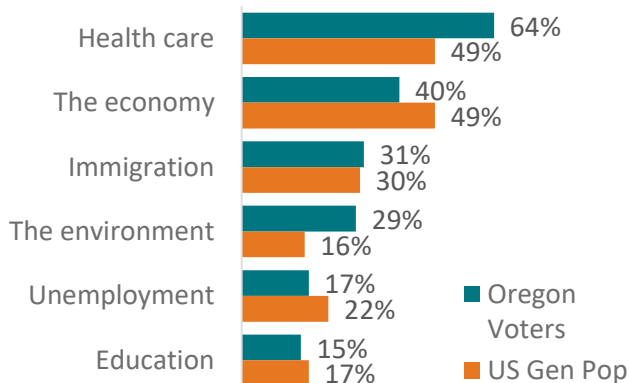


...**should be** a priority to your officials



■ Top priority ■ Major priority ■ Low/No priority

### The most important issues on voters' minds



### Voters want transparency in costs

Percent of voters who want more of the following

- 81%** Clarity on what health care providers and medicines are **covered by your insurance**
- 81%** Clarity on **out of pocket costs at hospitals**
- 80%** Information on how often and why specific health treatments prescribed by a doctor **are denied by insurers**
- 73%** Clarity on **out of pocket costs for prescriptions**

### Broad support for real solutions

Percentage of voters want the following changes

- 90%** **Pharmacists** should be able to **inform customers** at the point-of-sale of ways to **save money** on a prescription
- 87%** **Pharmaceutical companies** should have to provide information about **drug costs and financial assistance** available to **patients**
- 84%** **Pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and health insurers** should be more **transparent** about the **cost and access** to health care
- 79%** **Insurance companies** should **not** be able to **prevent patients** from reaching their **insurance deductible**

### Voters are frustrated by health costs

Percentage of voters frustrated by the following

- 77%** Hospital fees and unexpected hospital bills
- 73%** Insurance costs, like premiums, copays and deductibles
- 66%** Insurance networks are too narrow, covering too few doctors and specialists
- 65%** Out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted October 4-11, 2018 on behalf of Consumers for Quality Care. A sample of 252 likely voters in Oregon were interviewed online.