

WASHINGTON HEALTH CHOICES: TAKING THE PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

APPENDIX E-SURVEY

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QUESTION 1. The health system of Washington State does a good job of meeting the health needs of its citizens. *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=not sure 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

QUESTION 2. I would consider our health care system to be a successful system if it accomplished the following: *(Please check two answers.)*

- Increased the average lifespan
- Reduced the number of infant deaths
- Increased healthy behavior in the population
- Provided programs and services that helped prevent disease –e.g. vaccines, genetic counseling
- Improved the quality of life
- Reduced the cost of health care
- Treated everyone with compassion
- Provided access to a basic level of care for all
- Made technological advances readily available to citizens
- Made advancements in the treatment or elimination of major diseases
- Other, please specify _____

QUESTION 3. I believe it is part of my responsibility to reduce health care costs by practicing healthy behaviors- e.g. exercise, eat right. *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=not sure 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

QUESTION 4. I believe it is part of my responsibility to reduce health care costs by taking preventive health measures- e.g. vaccinations, mammograms. *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=not sure 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

QUESTION 5. I believe it is part of my responsibility to reduce health care costs by using the hospital emergency room only for emergencies *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=not sure 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

QUESTION 6. I believe it is part of my responsibility to reduce health care costs by asking my health care provider if less costly treatment or medication is available for medical problems I might have. *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=not sure 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

QUESTION 7. I believe it is part of my responsibility to reduce health care costs by foregoing expensive technology if the chance of my recovery is less than 15%. *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=not sure 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

QUESTION 8. I believe it is important that individuals have health insurance coverage. *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=not sure 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

QUESTION 9. If I had to pay for a comprehensive (physician care, hospital services and prescription drug coverage) health insurance policy for myself, I would be willing to pay: *(Please circle one answer.)*

0-\$50/month \$51- \$151- \$251- \$350+
\$150/month \$250/month \$350/month /month

QUESTION 10. If I had no health insurance and was given \$250 per month as a health benefit. I would: *(Please check one answer.)*

- Use the \$250 to buy a health insurance plan with comprehensive coverage
- Use \$200 to buy a health insurance plan that has broad coverage, but has a high deductible and co-pay (Use the remaining \$50 for something else.)
- Use \$125 to buy a plan that provides only catastrophic coverage (coverage for major, expensive health problems only) (Use the remaining \$125 for something else.)
- Buy no health insurance. Keep the money for something else
- Other, please specify

QUESTION 11. I would be willing to pay more for health insurance if it: *(Please check all answers that apply.)*

- Let me choose any health care provider I wanted.
- Included coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- Covered new technology and experimental treatments.
- Paid for check-ups and preventive health care – mammograms, shots, other health screens.
- Covered the majority of prescription drugs.
- Covered dental care.
- Allowed me to go directly to a specialist without a referral.
- Other, please specify _____
- None of the above.

QUESTION 12. If you have health insurance coverage now, how certain are you that your coverage will be available and affordable to you in the next three years? *(Please circle one answer.)*

Very **somewhat** **Not** **Don't have**
Certain **certain** **Certain** **Coverage now**

QUESTION 13. If the government were to devote more resources to improve access to health insurance, which segment(s) of the uninsured population should be targeted for help? *(Please check your top two priorities.)*

- Individuals who have lost coverage due to job loss.
- Low-income children.
- Parents of children covered by public programs.
- Low-Income adults without children.
- Chronically ill or disabled adults who are unable to work.
- Minority or ethnic groups that are disproportionately uninsured.
- Individuals living in economically depressed areas of the state.
- Individuals working in low wage industries.
- Early retirees without access to Medicare.
- All segments should be treated equally.

QUESTION 14. I am willing to pay more either in taxes or in health insurance premiums, so that those who are low-income and have no health insurance can get health care. *(Please circle one answer.)*

1=strongly agree **2=agree** **3=not sure** **4=disagree** **5=strongly disagree**

QUESTION 15. I am willing to pay the following amount more per month in higher premiums or taxes to cover the uninsured in Washington State. *(Please circle one answer.)*

None **less than** **\$5-10** **more than** **not sure**
\$5/month **/month** **\$10/month**

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR USE IN LOOKING AT YOUR RESPONSES. WE WANT TO KNOW WHO PARTICIPATED IN WASHINGTON HEALTH CHOICES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

a. Age

- Under 18
- 19-64
- 65 or older

b. Sex

- Female
- Male

c. Marital Status

- Single
- Married

d. Household Income Level

- Under \$10,000
- \$25,000-44,999
- \$45,000-\$99,999
- Over \$100,000

e. Number of people in household: _____

f. Ethnicity: (Please check all that apply.)

- Caucasian
- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Other (please specify) _____

g. Are you currently employed?

- Yes
- No

h. Do you have health insurance coverage (includes private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Basic Health)?

- Yes
- No

i. Is any portion of your insurance paid for by an employer?

- Yes
- No

j. City and county of residence:

- _____ (name of city)
- _____ (name of county)

k. Date and location of meeting:

- _____ (date)
- _____ (location)

l. Your Health Status: Would you consider your health for the last year to be:

(Please check one answer.)

- excellent
- very good
- good
- fair
- poor

THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

Community Study Sessions Participation Form

**Are you interested in participating in future community study sessions on health care issues?
If so, please provide the following contact information.**

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone number: _____
Email address: _____

In order to maintain the confidentiality of your survey responses, please tear this sheet off of your survey and turn it in separately.