

National Survey Key Findings July 16, 2020

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Key Hospital Issues

Regardless of party affiliation, Americans have an overwhelmingly favorable image of hospitals.





I am going to read you the names of some different types of people and organizations in the health care industry. Please tell me as I read each one whether your opinion of that type of person or organization is... very favorable, somewhat favorable, half and half, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable. The (first/next) one is...

Across party lines, there is recognition that hospitals face financial difficulty.





In general, would you say hospitals are experiencing fairly good times or fairly bad times financially?

Awareness of hospitals in the news is stunningly high. Those who have seen that information have a more favorable view of hospitals.





In the last two or three months, how much have you seen, read, or heard about hospitals in the news... And, has what you have seen, read, or heard about hospitals in the last two or three months given you a more favorable or less favorable opinion of hospitals?

Hospitals: COVID-19 Response and Relief

The more Americans are exposed to news about hospitals, the more they recognize the challenges they are facing in caring for coronavirus patients.





Do you think our hospitals now have what they need to battle the coronavirus crisis or do they not yet have the materials and technology they need?

There is greater recognition of hospital resource shortages among those that have been hospitalized at some point over the course of the pandemic.





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There is broad support for additional relief funding for hospitals and health care providers.

Talking now about some legislation being considered by the U.S. Congress... do you support or oppose the following proposal?

Legislation to provide \$100 billion dollars in federal relief funding for hospitals and health care providers to help offset the costs associated with the coronavirus pandemic.





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Talking now about some legislation being considered by the U.S. Congress... do you support or oppose the following proposal?

Voters who say hospitals do not yet have what they need to battle the coronavirus are much more likely to support additional federal relief funding.

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Talking now about some legislation being considered by the U.S. Congress... do you support or oppose the following proposal?

American support for provider and health care focused legislation extends to these additional proposals...

Ranked by Strongly Support	Strongly Support	Total Support
Providing financial assistance to help businesses that have been badly impacted by the coronavirus continue to provide health insurance coverage to their employees.	70%	92%
Providing tax-free child care, housing, transportation and education benefits to health care providers working in hospitals who are caring for patients with the coronavirus.	59%	85%
Protecting health care providers, like doctors and nurses working in hospitals, from lawsuits related to the coronavirus	50%	79%
Protecting hospitals from lawsuits related to shortages of equipment or personnel during the coronavirus emergency.	35%	68%



...And majorities of voters across party lines support all of these proposals.

Ranked by Total Support	Total Support			
	Overall	GOP (38%)	Indep. (16%)	Dem. (44%)
Providing financial assistance to help businesses that have been badly impacted by the coronavirus continue to provide health insurance coverage to their employees.	92%	91%	89%	94%
Providing tax-free child care, housing, transportation and education benefits to health care providers working in hospitals who are caring for patients with the coronavirus.	85%	74%	83%	94%
Protecting health care providers, like doctors and nurses working in hospitals, from lawsuits related to the coronavirus	79%	79%	72%	81%
Protecting hospitals from lawsuits related to shortages of equipment or personnel during the coronavirus emergency.	68%	68%	62%	72%



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