



# ARKANSAS VOTERS WANT Commonsense Health Care Reform

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<b>1. Telehealth allows health care professionals to use technology to provide services from a different location. Would you support or oppose allowing health care professionals to provide telehealth services to patients across state lines?</b>				
Support	59%	56%	63%	58%
Oppose	24%	27%	24%	21%
Unsure	18%	17%	12%	22%
<b>2. Currently, virtual telehealth visits are required to cost the same amount as in-person office visits. Would you support or oppose allowing patients and insurance companies to pay less for telehealth visits?</b>				
Support	68%	78%	60%	66%
Oppose	16%	11%	20%	18%
Unsure	16%	10%	20%	16%
<b>3. Arkansas law allows individuals and families to establish affordable membership arrangements with a primary-care medical professional for their everyday health care needs. Would you support or oppose expanding direct care to include mental health and other specialty medical providers?</b>				
Support	74%	71%	81%	73%
Oppose	11%	14%	8%	10%
Unsure	15%	15%	11%	17%
<b>4. Many patients report being surprised by a health bill—sometimes costing thousands of dollars—after a test, doctor’s appointment, or procedure because they weren’t aware of the cost ahead of time. Would you support or oppose giving patients the ability to know the real price and what their actual out-of-pocket costs will be at least 72 hours ahead of time for non-emergency care?</b>				
Support	89%	91%	90%	86%
Oppose	5%	4%	6%	5%
Unsure	6%	5%	4%	8%

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<b>5. Would you support or oppose requiring medical providers and hospitals to automatically give patients real-price estimates for planned procedures as soon as the appointment is scheduled?</b>				
Support	85%	88%	87%	82%
Oppose	4%	5%	2%	5%
Unsure	10%	7%	11%	13%
<b>6. Would you support or oppose giving patients the right to verify whether the cost of a medical bill is reasonable by comparing it to other providers' costs before a delinquent account is sent to a credit reporting agency?</b>				
Support	80%	83%	82%	77%
Oppose	7%	5%	7%	8%
Unsure	13%	12%	11%	14%
<b>7. Would you support or oppose requiring debt collectors to get written consent from a medical provider before a patient's unpaid bill is reported to a credit reporting agency?</b>				
Support	62%	67%	61%	57%
Oppose	17%	16%	18%	17%
Unsure	22%	17%	21%	26%
<b>8. Would you support or oppose requiring credit reporting agencies to remove delinquent medical accounts from patient credit reports within 30 days if the patient is making payments on a payment plan or has paid the debt in full?</b>				
Support	84%	84%	87%	82%
Oppose	7%	9%	4%	8%
Unsure	9%	7%	9%	10%
<b>9. Would you support or oppose allowing small businesses, associations, and entrepreneurs to pool together to provide more affordable health insurance options for their employees and families?</b>				
Support	86%	89%	86%	83%
Oppose	5%	4%	5%	4%
Unsure	10%	7%	9%	12%

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**10. Corporations are able to see a breakdown of health insurance plan's claims so they can make sure that the benefit they offer their employees is actually a good value. Would you support or oppose allowing smaller businesses to see the same breakdown of health insurance claims that larger companies already see so they can make sure their employees' plans are a good value?**

Support	81%	87%	81%	77%
Oppose	5%	5%	5%	4%
Unsure	14%	9%	14%	18%

**11. Many patients are unable to go to the doctor or hospital of their choice because the providers are out of their insurance plan network. Would you support or oppose allowing patients to go out of their insurance network for care as long as the cost is comparable or less expensive?**

Support	83%	86%	82%	80%
Oppose	7%	7%	6%	8%
Unsure	10%	7%	11%	12%

**12. Nursing homes and certain other health care facilities in Arkansas are required to get special permission before they can add additional beds or make improvements to their facilities. Would you support or oppose allowing nursing homes and other facilities to expand their capacity and upgrade their facilities without having to get special permission?**

Support	59%	66%	54%	57%
Oppose	26%	22%	28%	27%
Unsure	15%	13%	18%	16%

**13. Nursing homes and certain other health care facilities in Arkansas are required to get special permission from the state before opening. This reduces accessibility to care and increases patient costs. Would you support or oppose eliminating these requirements so that new nursing homes and facilities can open and increase health care capacity?**

Support	51%	53%	49%	50%
Oppose	32%	30%	34%	33%
Unsure	17%	16%	17%	17%

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**14. Currently, Arkansas has a ban on the building of new residential care facilities that specialize in the long-term care of patients who are unable to live alone due to physical or mental disabilities. Would you support or oppose lifting the ban on new residential care facilities?**

Support	62%	65%	61%	61%
Oppose	15%	11%	16%	18%
Unsure	23%	24%	23%	22%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Party Affiliation



### Age



### Gender



Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a statewide sample of 523 likely Arkansas voters. Data for this survey research was collected by Cor Services, Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation.

The surveys were conducted January 7-12, 2021. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.29 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data was sampled using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

The Foundation for Government Accountability paid for all costs associated with this survey.