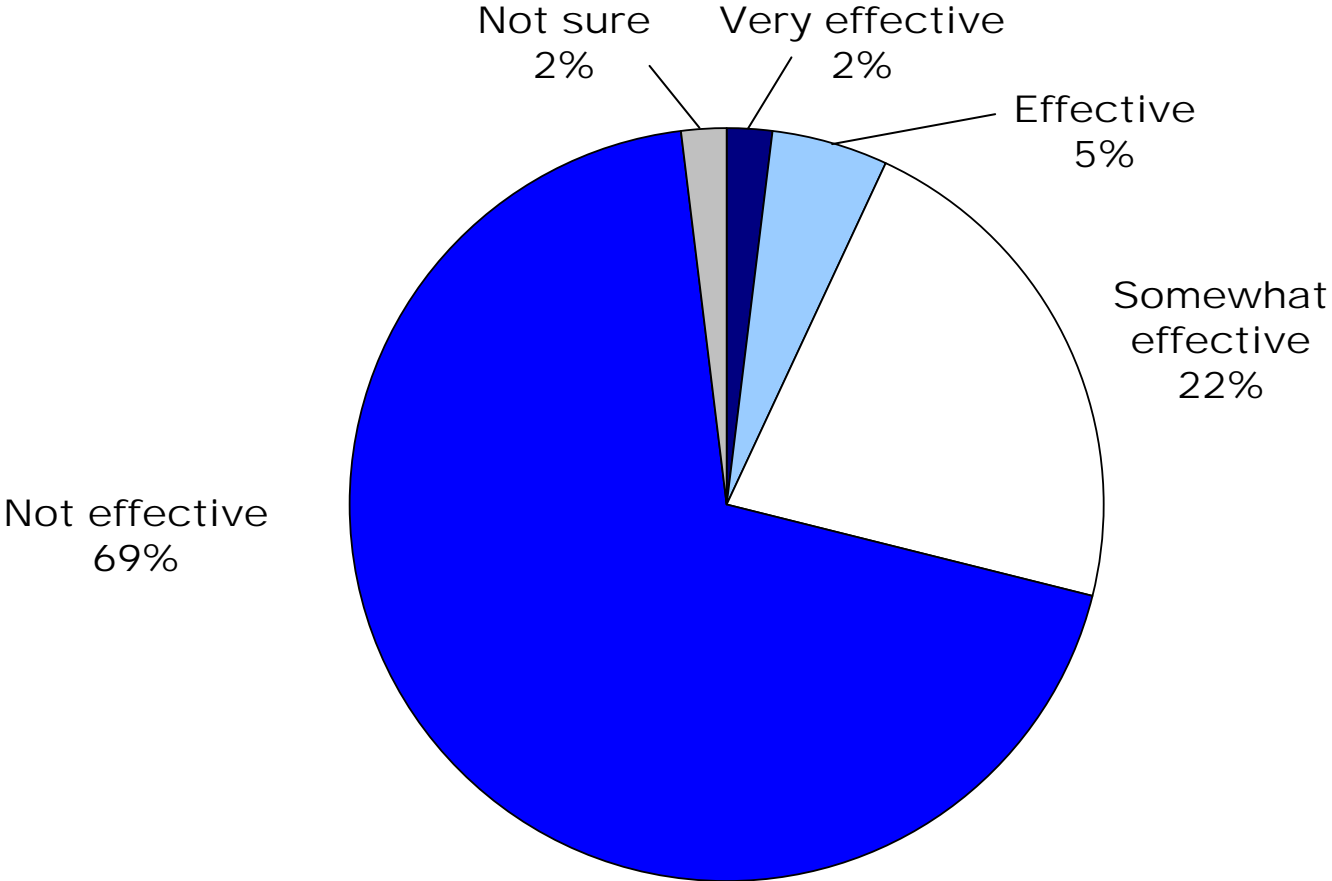


Figure 1. More Than Two-Thirds of Opinion Leaders Say Current Payment System Is Not Effective at Encouraging High Quality of Care

“Under the current payment approach, payment is given to each provider for individual services provided to each patient. How effective do you think this payment system is at encouraging high quality and efficient care?”



Source: Commonwealth Fund Health Care Opinion Leaders Survey, September/October 2008.

Figure 2. Majority of Opinion Leaders Say Fundamental Provider Payment Reform Most Effective Strategy in Improving U.S. Health System Performance

“How effective do you think each of the following policy strategies would be in improving U.S. health system performance (improving quality and/or reducing costs)?”

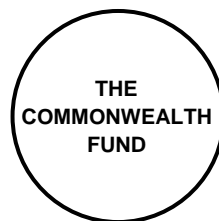
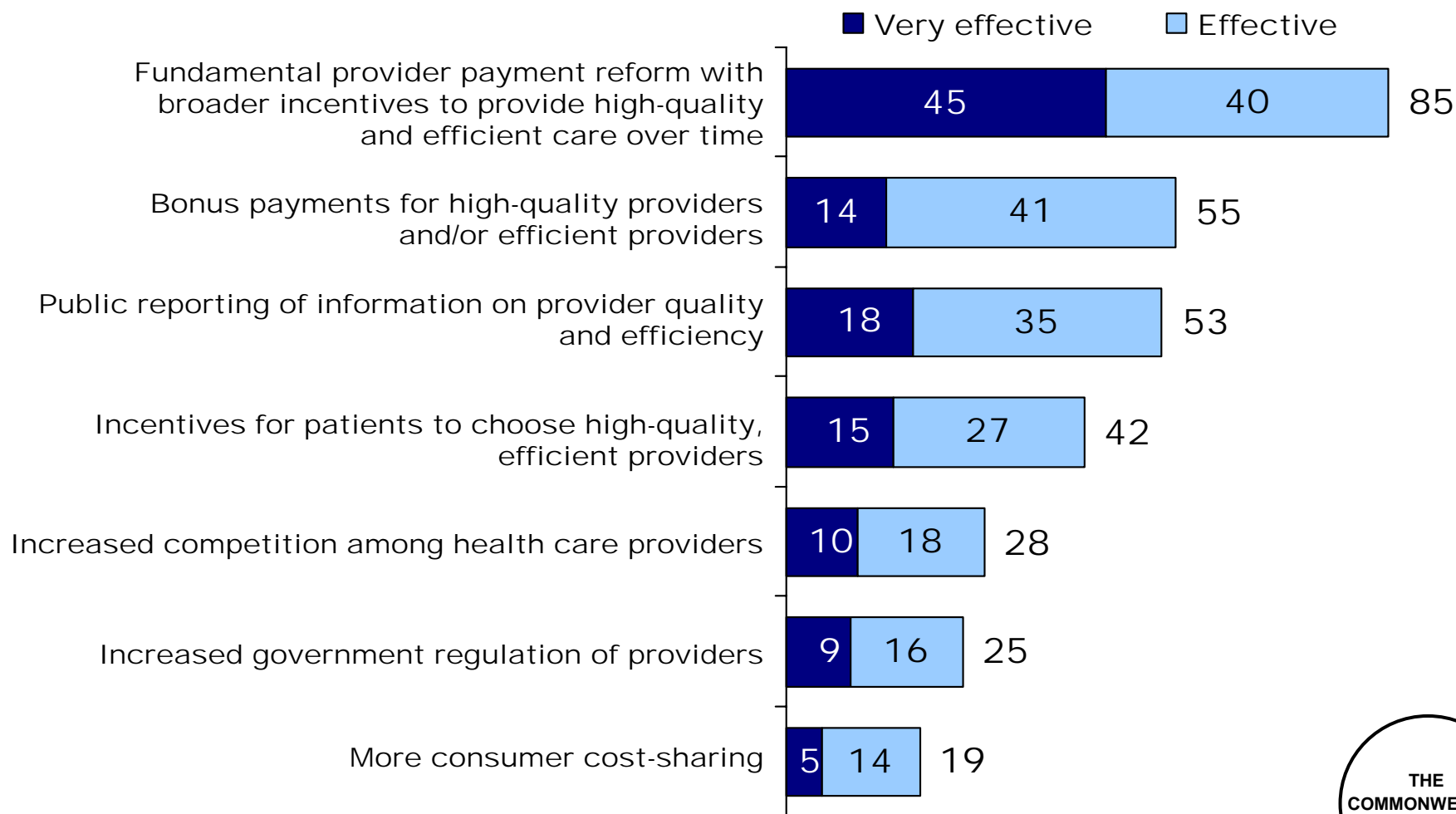
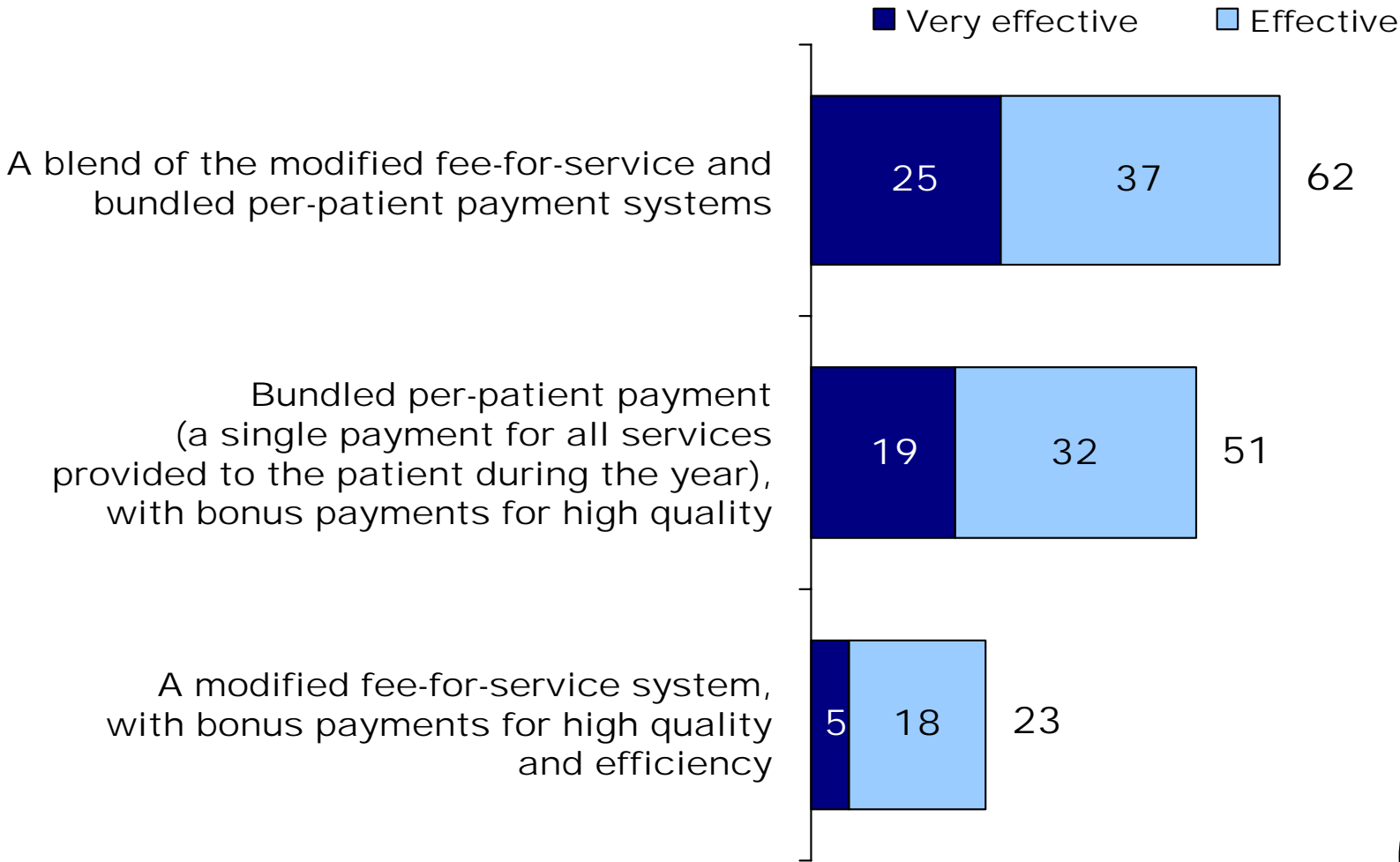


Figure 3. Blend of Modified Fee-for-Service and Bundled Per-Patient Payment Perceived as Most Effective for Efficient Health Care System

“How effective do you think each of the following payment approaches would be in facilitating a more efficient health care system?”



Source: Commonwealth Fund Health Care Opinion Leaders Survey, September/October 2008.

Figure 4. Slightly More than Half of Opinion Leaders Prefer a Blend of Modified Fee-for-Service and Bundled Per-Patient Payment Systems

"Of these options, which do you prefer?"

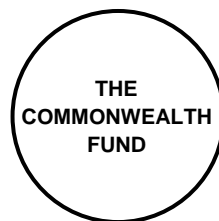
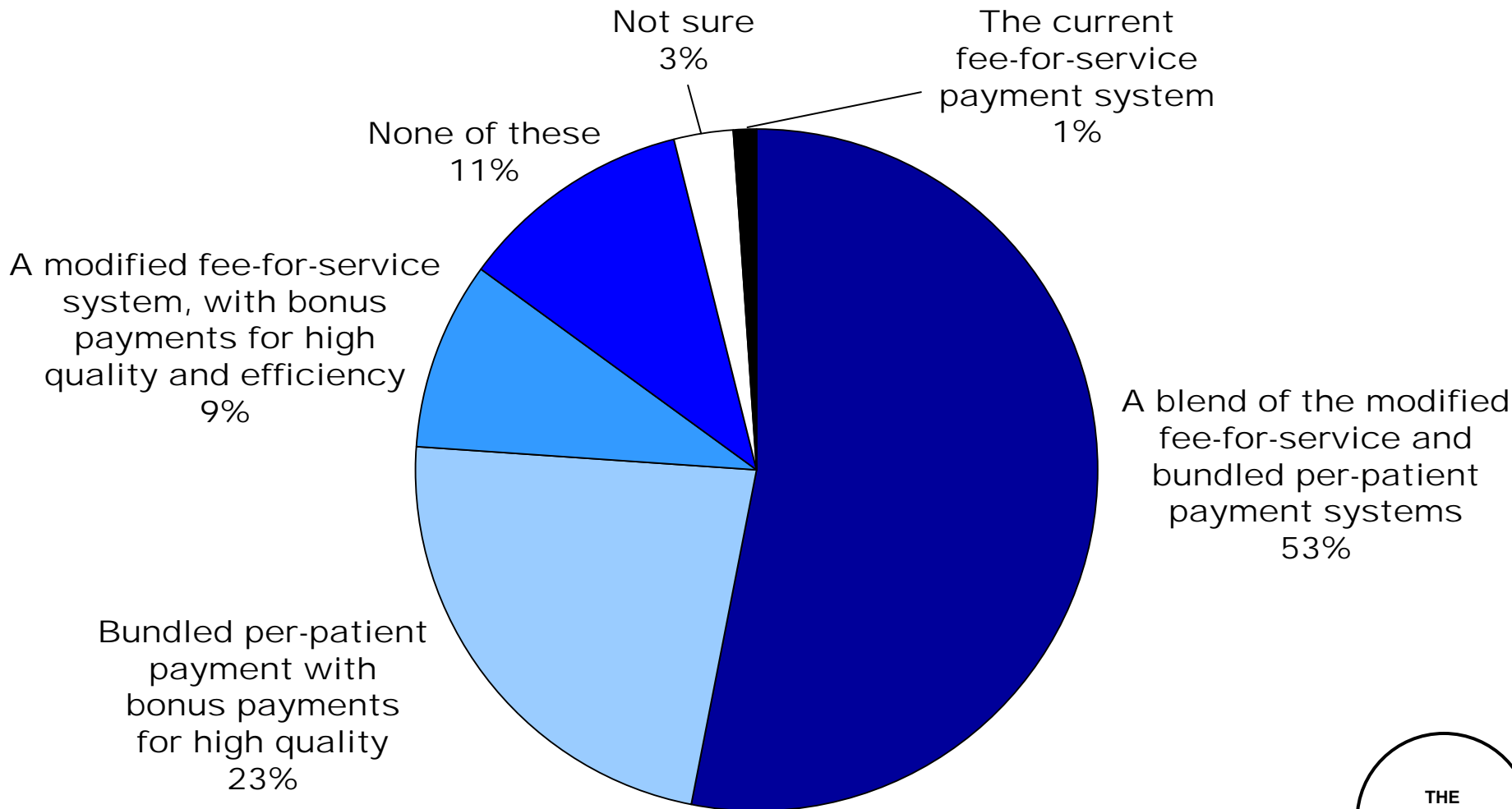


Figure 5. Nearly Three of Five Opinion Leaders Say Shared Accountability Is Effective In Improving Efficiency

“Two approaches for encouraging improved efficiency are “paying for performance on efficiency” (providing bonus payments for high performance on measures of efficiency) and “shared accountability for resource use” (holding health care organizations including hospitals and physicians accountable for use of resources in care of patients over time and sharing a portion of any savings with the accountable care organizations). How effective do you believe each of these approaches would be in improving efficiency?”

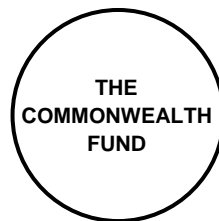
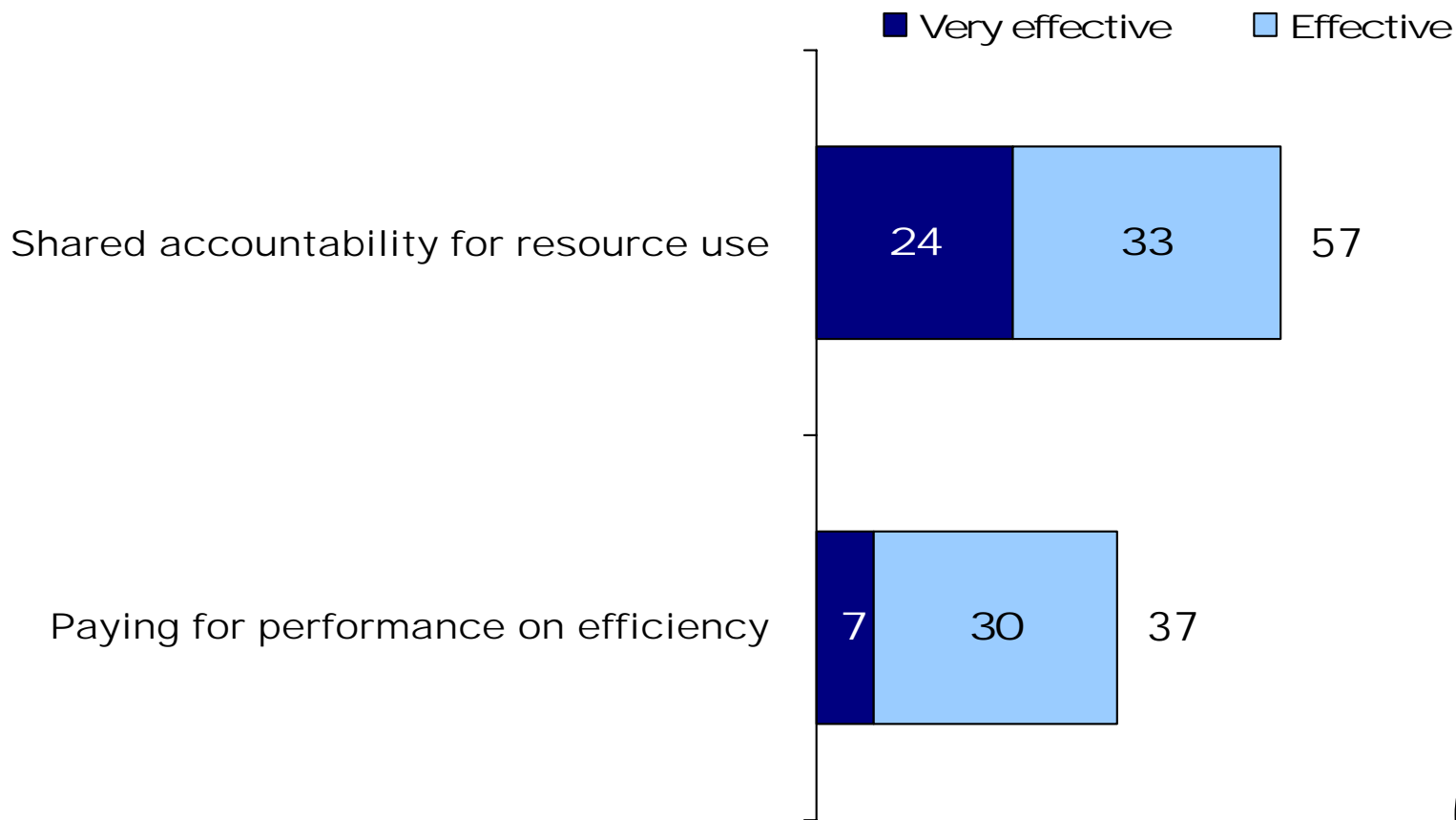


Figure 6. Opinion Leaders Support Revision of Medicare RBRVS to Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness of Health Care Delivery

“Several approaches to realigning provider payment have been suggested to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which health care is delivered. Please indicate your level of support for each.”

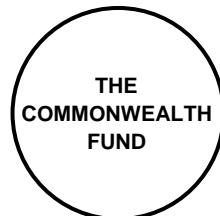
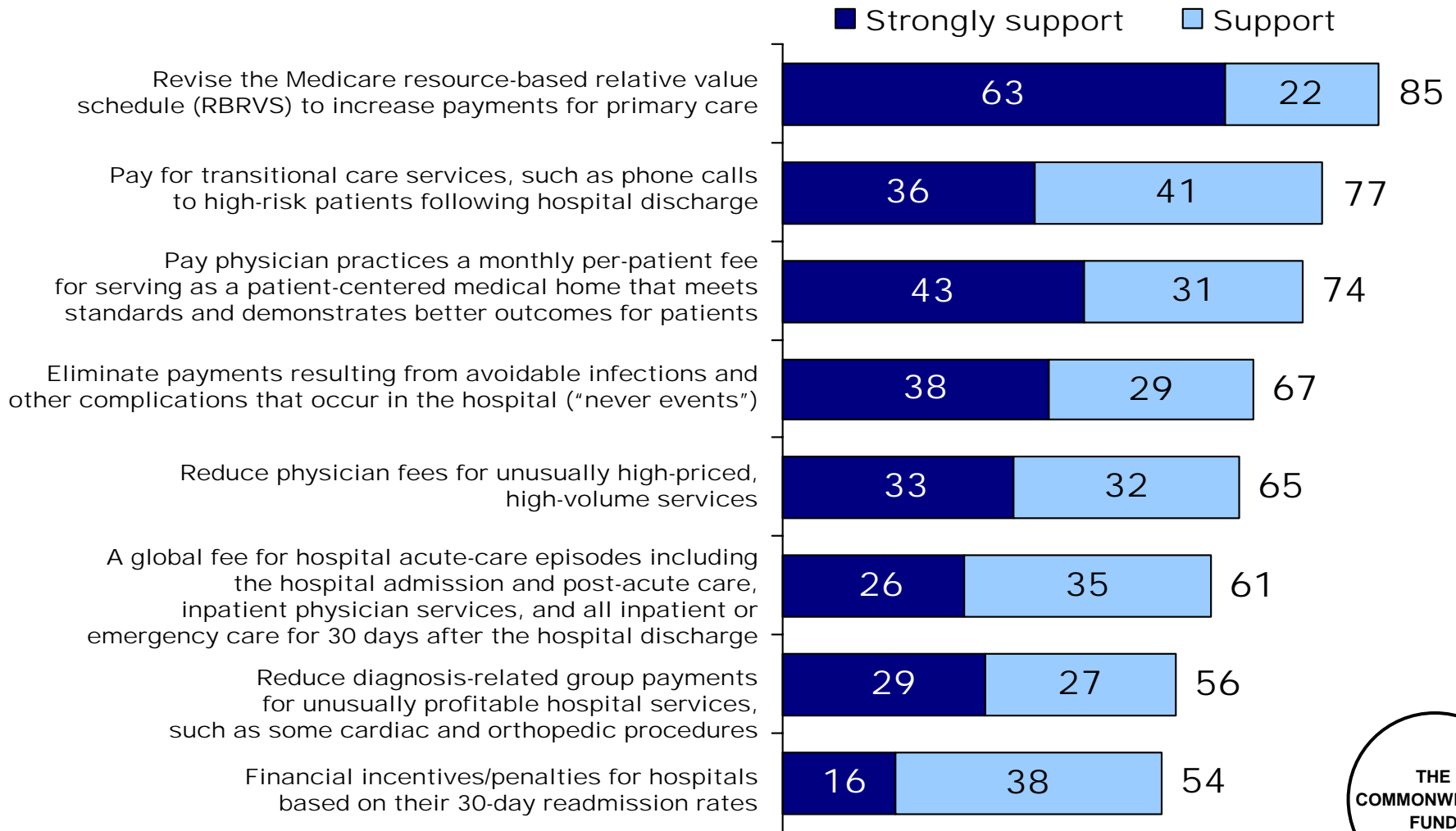


Figure 7. Half of Opinion Leaders Strongly Support Medicare Negotiating Drug Prices and Engaging in Competitive Bidding

“Please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies to reduce the growth of health care costs.”

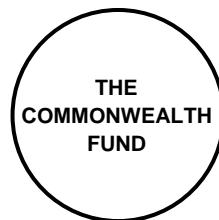
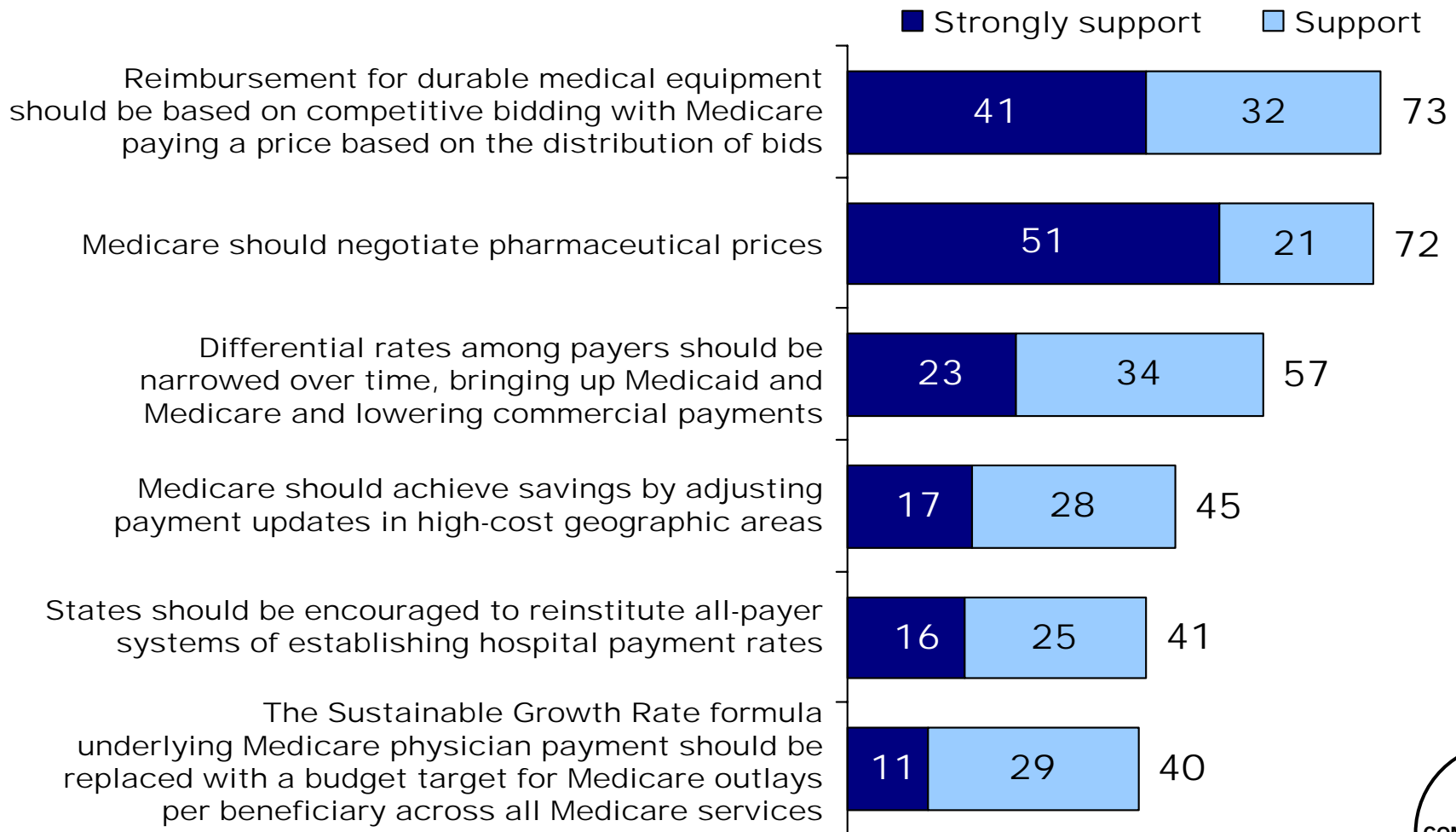


Figure 8. More Than Half of Opinion Leaders Support Creating Medicare Health Board

“Recently, there has been policy interest in creating a Medicare Health Board that would enable Medicare to innovate within broad guidelines. Congress would establish a Medicare Health Board, headed by full-time Board members with long terms (e.g., nine years) to make Medicare payment and benefit decisions subject to congressional guidelines. Congress would also delegate to the Medicare Health Board authority to set specific payment methods and rates and address other payment and coverage issues. Please indicate your level of support for such a process.”

