

Figure 1. Choice of Public and Private Plan Options

“A key issue is whether to include a new public health insurance plan choice for the under-65 population within the national insurance exchange. People buying coverage through the exchange would have the option to select either a private or a public plan. Members of Congress have proposed different approaches and regulatory strategies in designing this option. Do you think that the plans offered should include:”

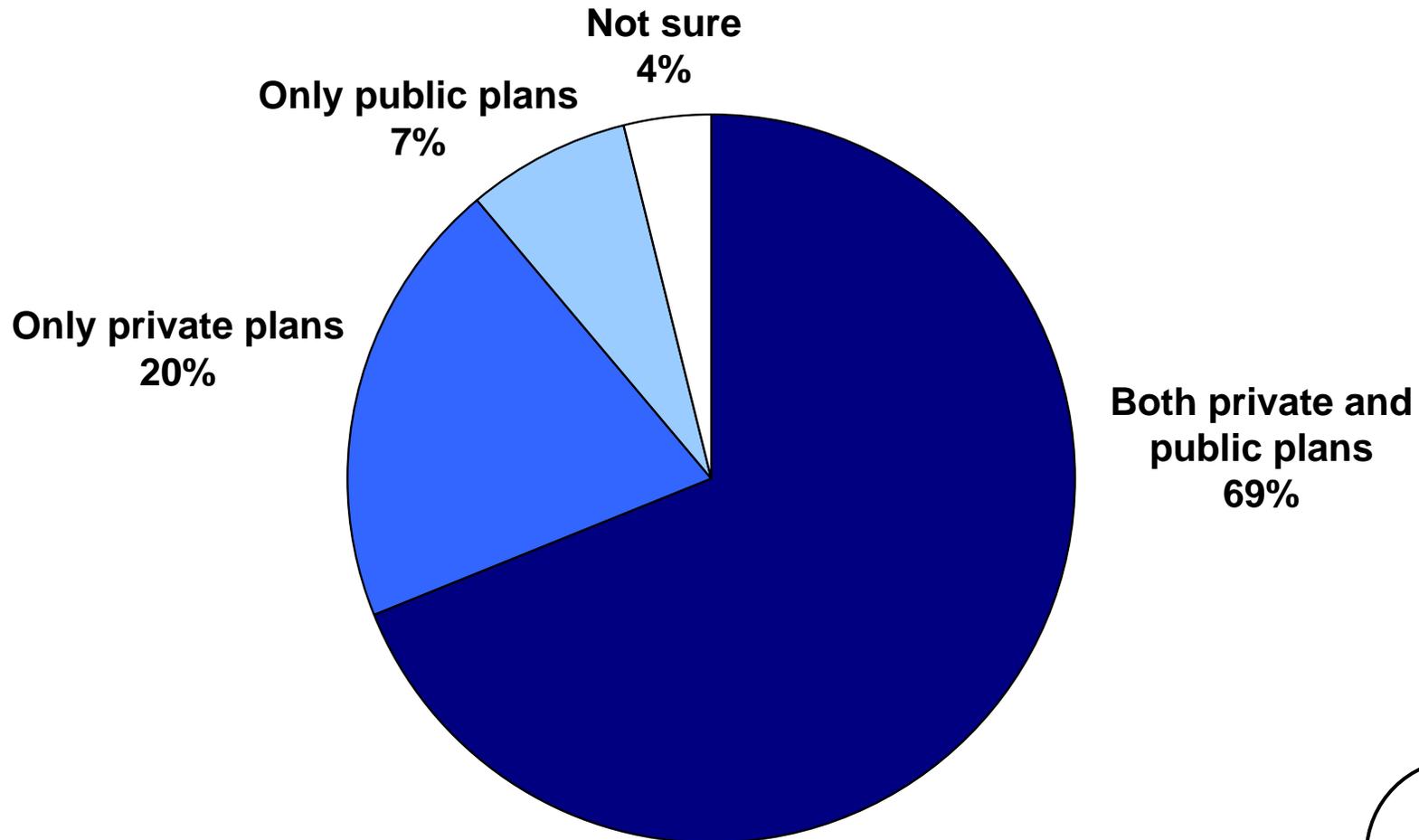


Figure 2. Provider Payment Methods in a Public Plan

“If a public plan is offered, what do you think provider payment methods in the public plan should be based on?”

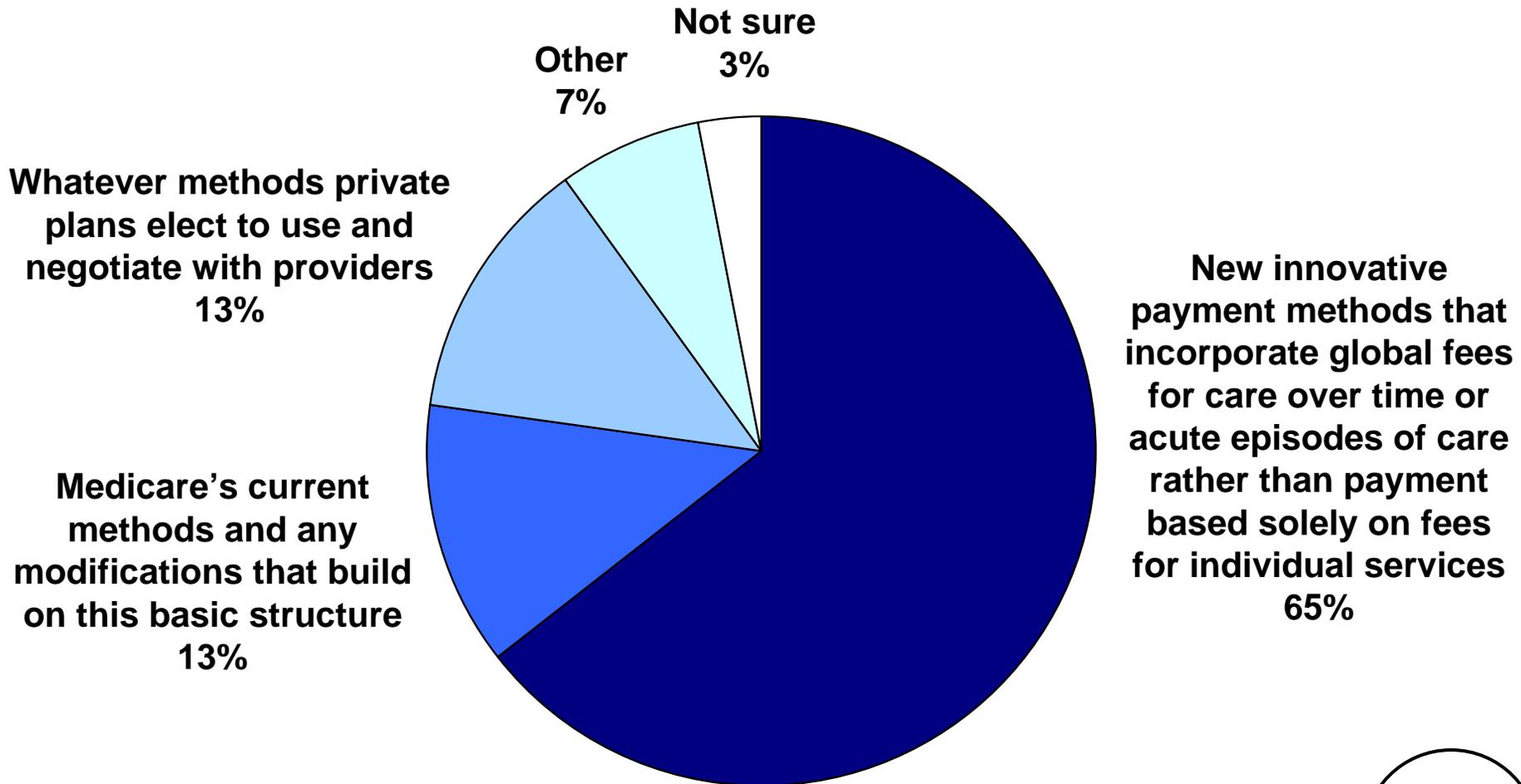


Figure 3. Initial Level of Provider Payment in a Public Plan

“If a public plan is offered, at what level do you think provider payment in the public plan should initially be set?”

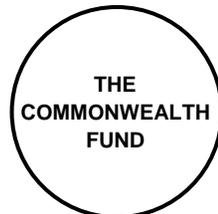
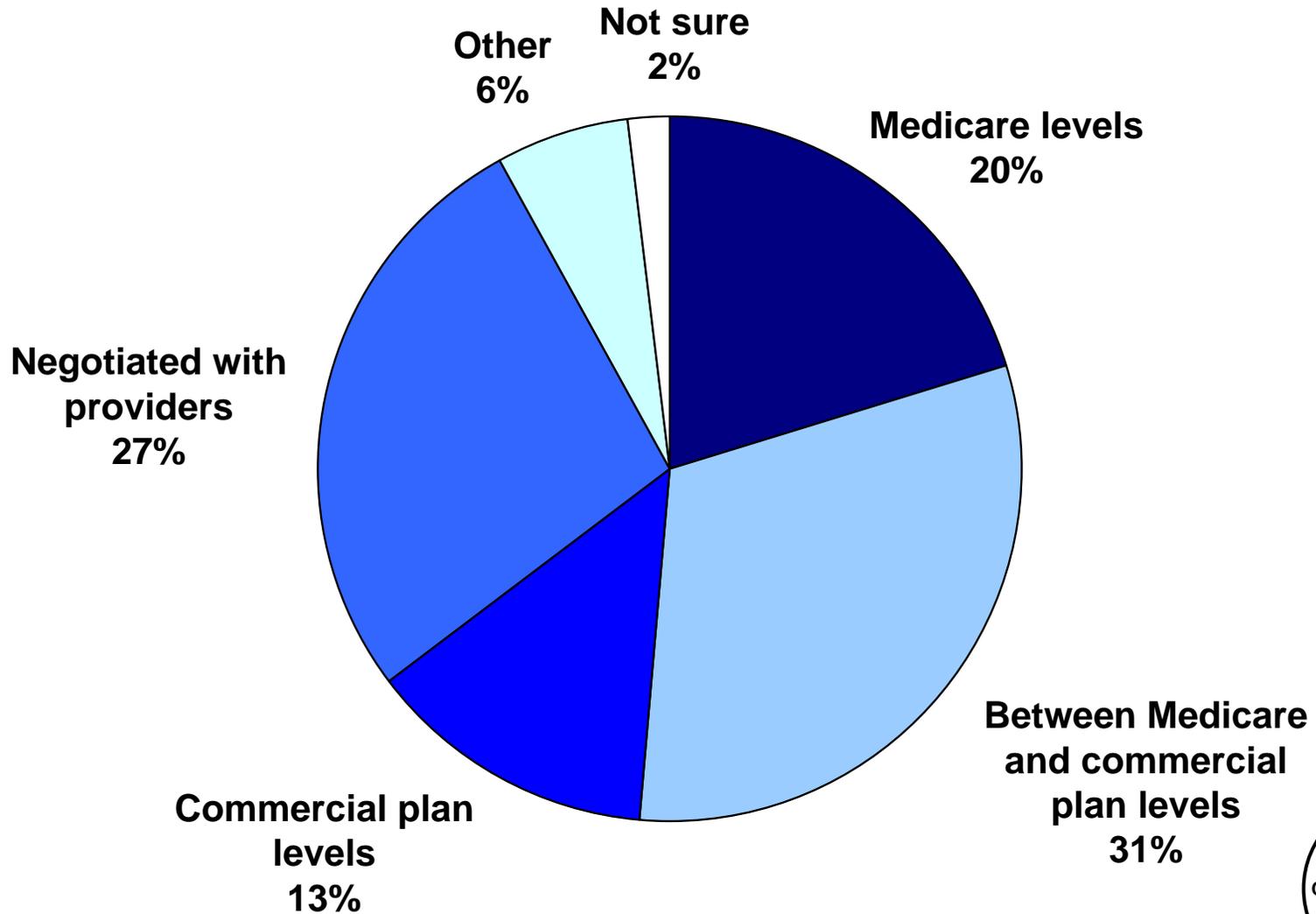


Figure 4. Linking Providers' Participation in a Public Plan with Participation in Medicare

“If a public plan is offered, do you think provider participation in the public plan network should be:”

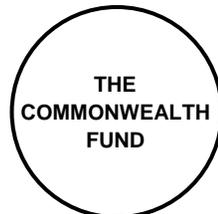
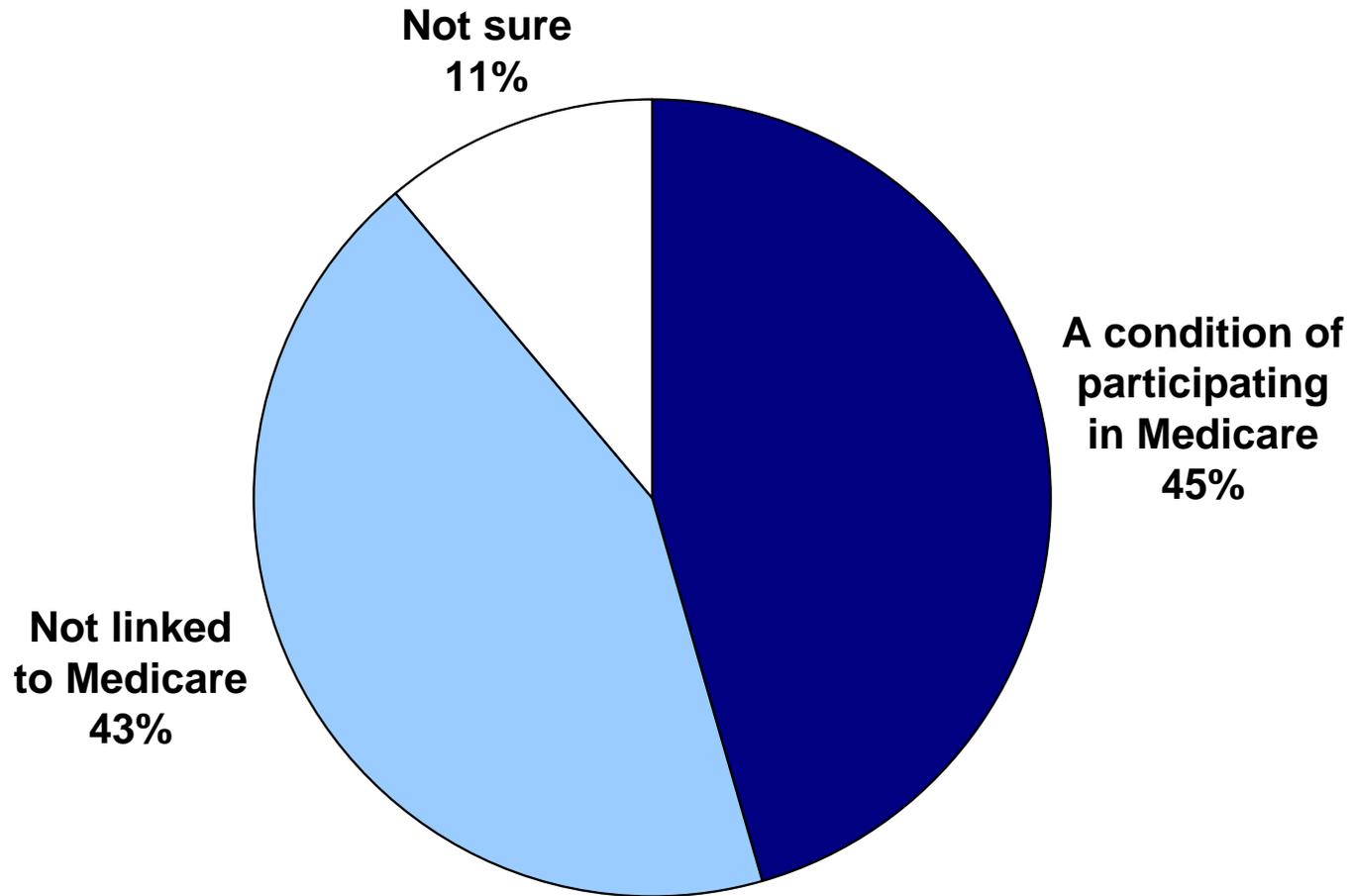


Figure 5. Triggering the Creation of a Public Health Insurance Plan

“Coverage expansions and insurance market reforms can be designed to slow the growth in health care costs. Please indicate the extent to which you support or oppose ‘triggering’ the creation of a public health insurance plan if certain expenditure targets to reduce health care costs are not met.”

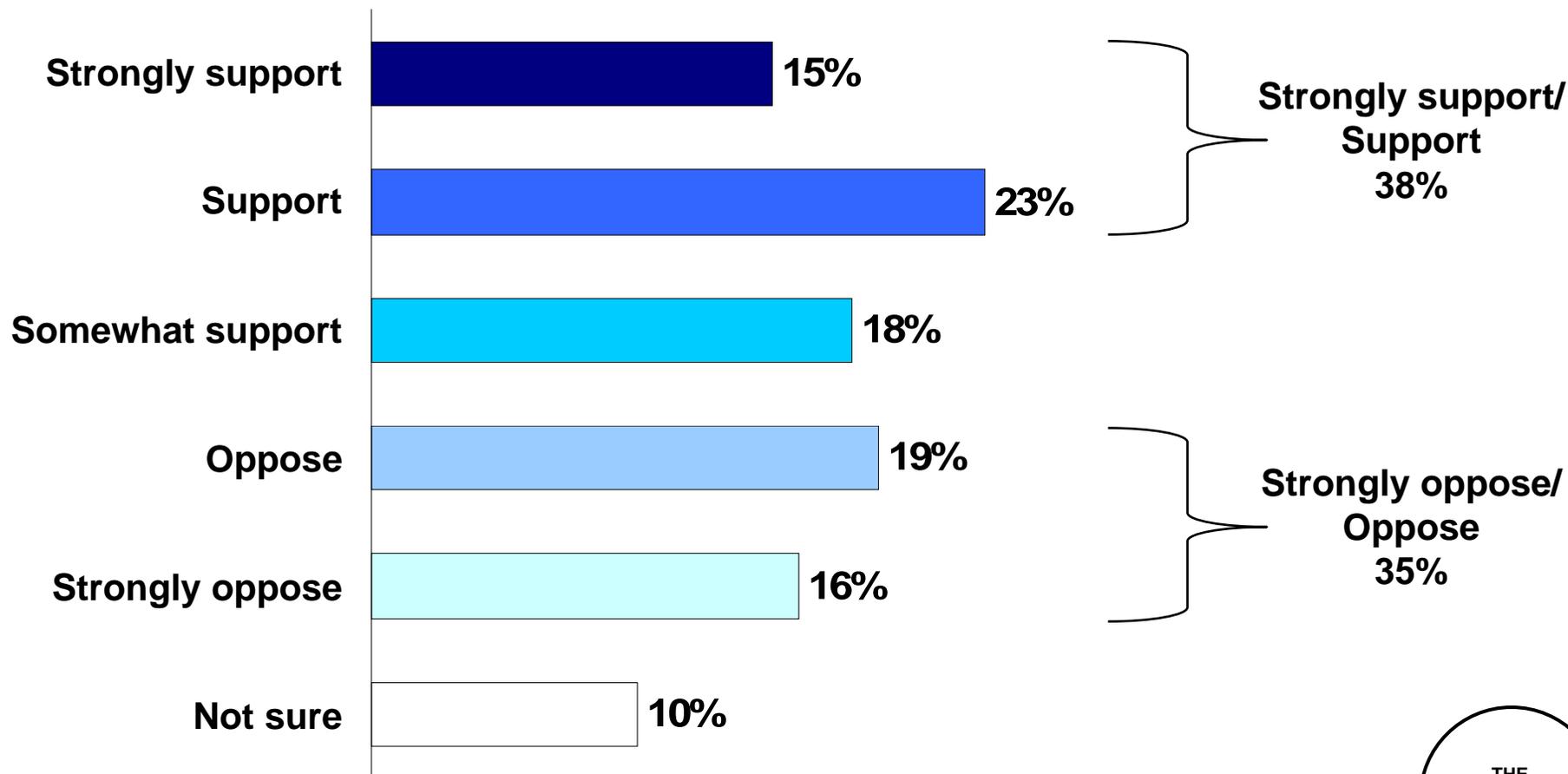


Figure 6. National Insurance Exchange Model

“A national insurance exchange might include strong oversight—including standards for participation—or operate largely as a Web-based clearinghouse for insurance plans that meet minimum benefit standards. Which model do you favor?”

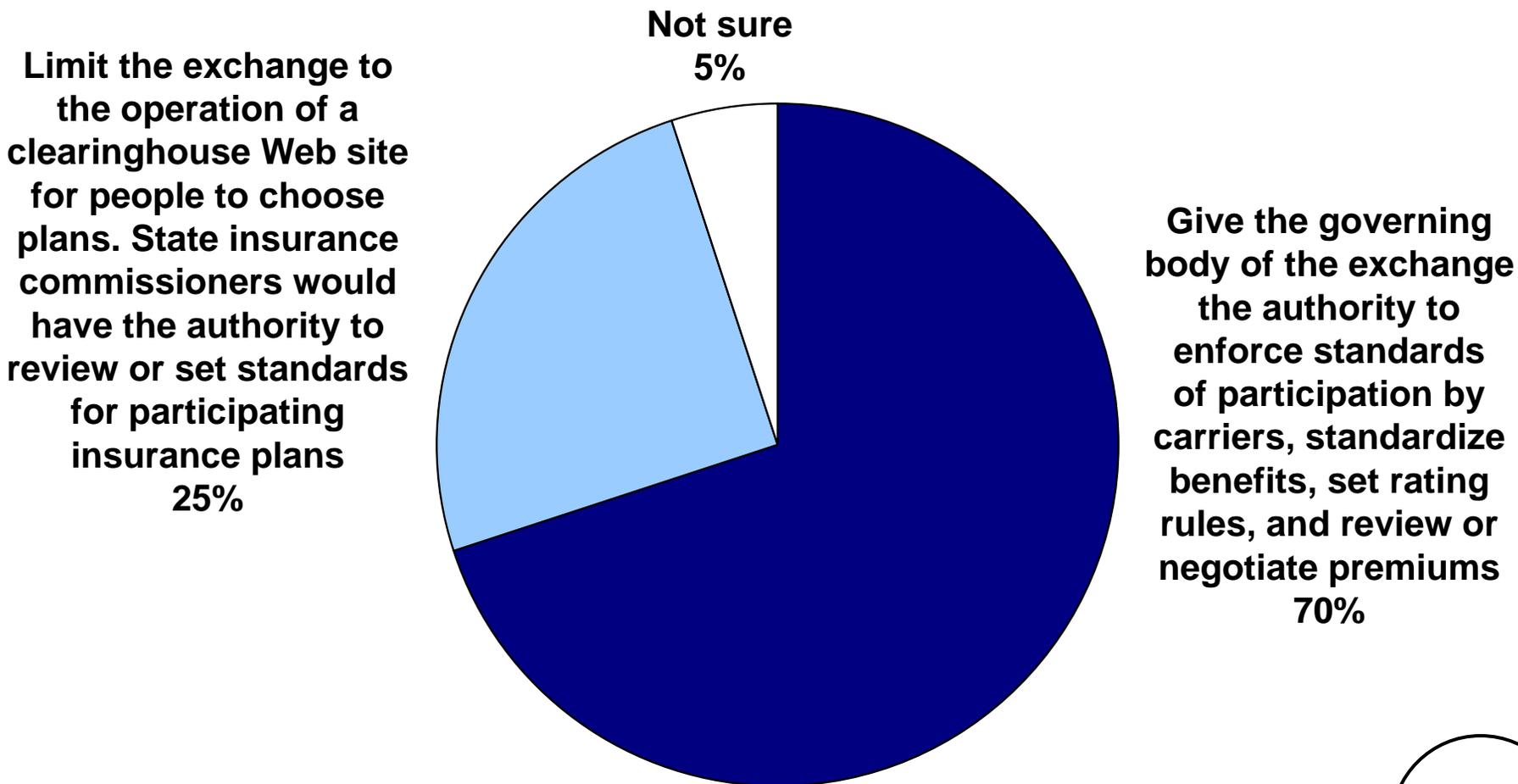


Figure 7. Approach to Benefit Standards

“There are different suggestions for a standard benefit package that would be required of individuals. Please indicate your favored approach to benefit standards.”

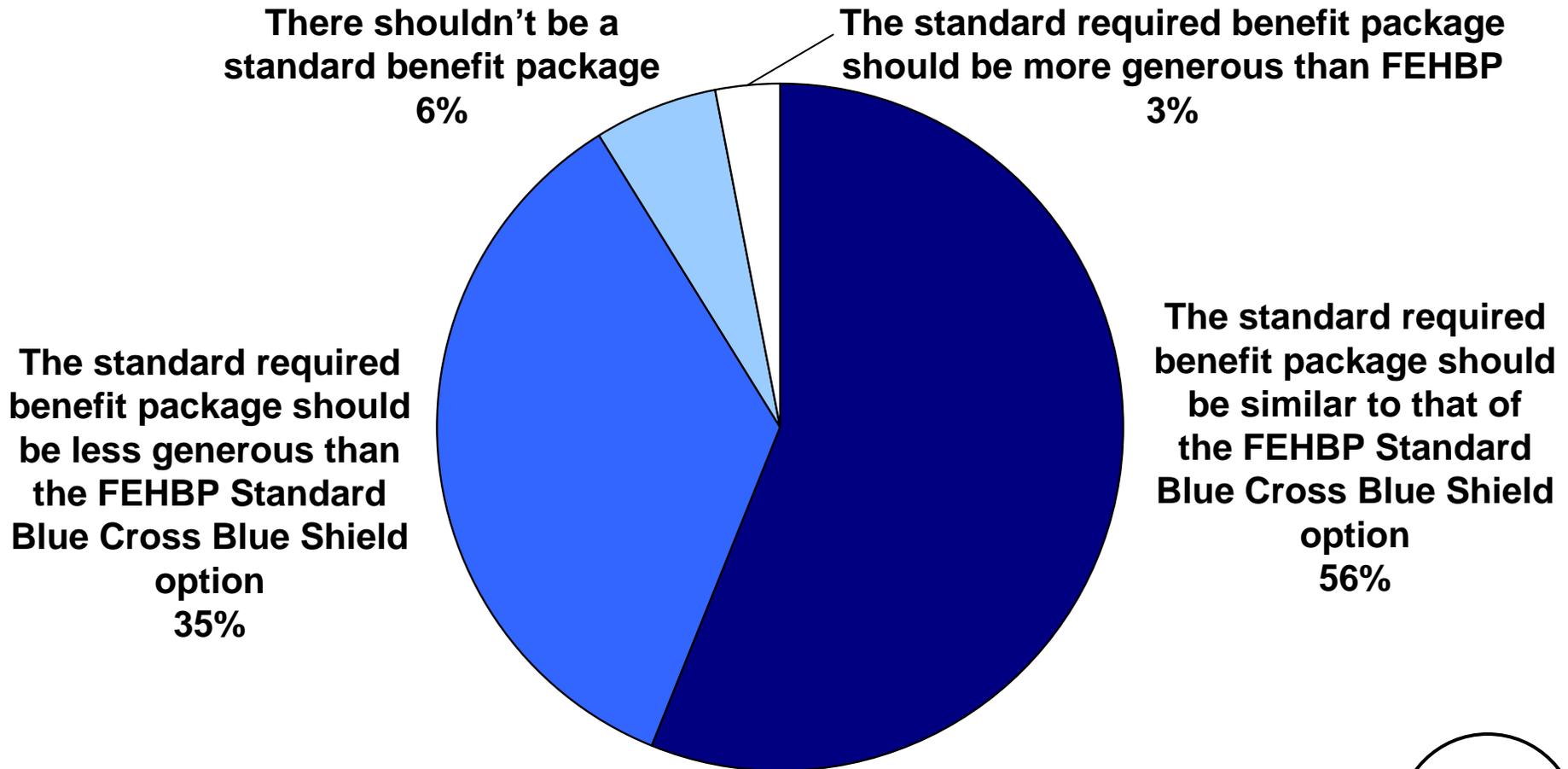


Figure 8. New Revenue Sources and Cost-Saving Strategies

“Financing coverage will require new revenue sources or significant cost savings within the system. Please indicate your level of support for each of the following approaches to financing expanded coverage.”

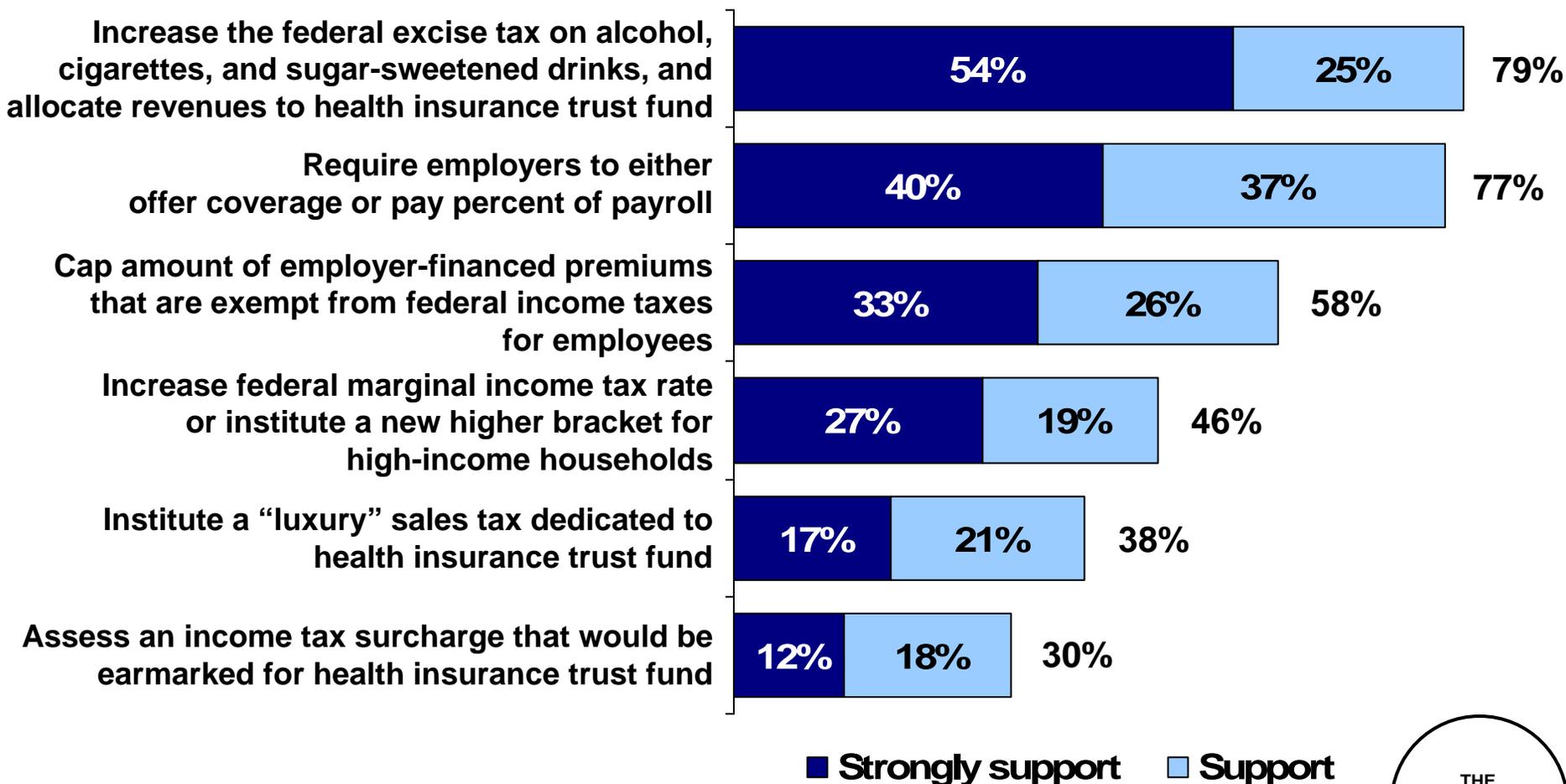


Figure 9. Health Care Cost-Reduction Options

“Coverage expansions and insurance market reforms can be designed to slow the growth in health care costs. Please indicate the extent to which you support or oppose each of the following strategies to reduce health care costs.”

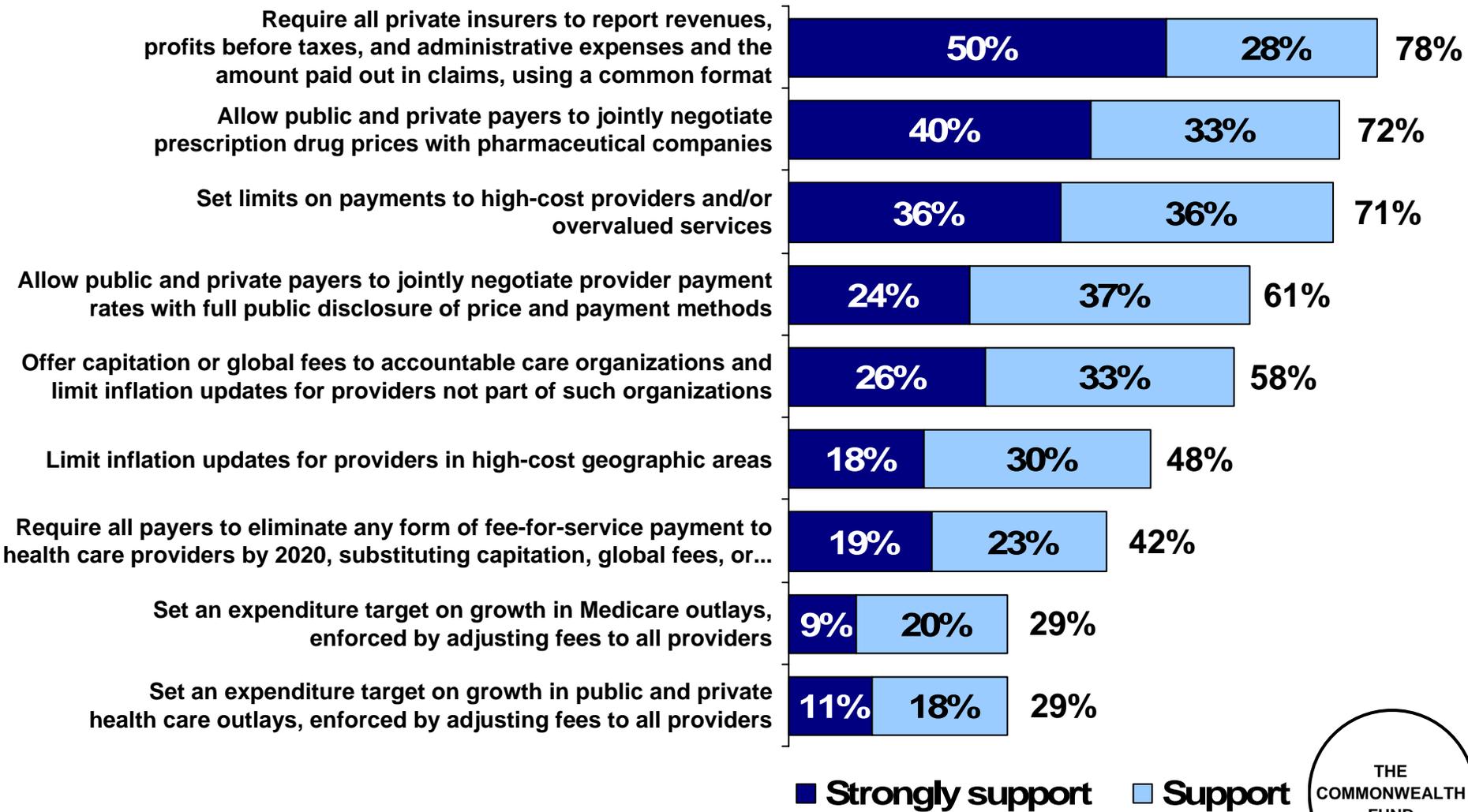


Figure 10. Two-Year Waiting Period for Medicare Coverage for Disabled Adults

“Disabled adults who begin receiving cash benefits from the Social Security Disability Insurance program must wait two years before receiving Medicare benefits. Please indicate the extent to which you support or oppose ending this two-year waiting period for Medicare coverage.”

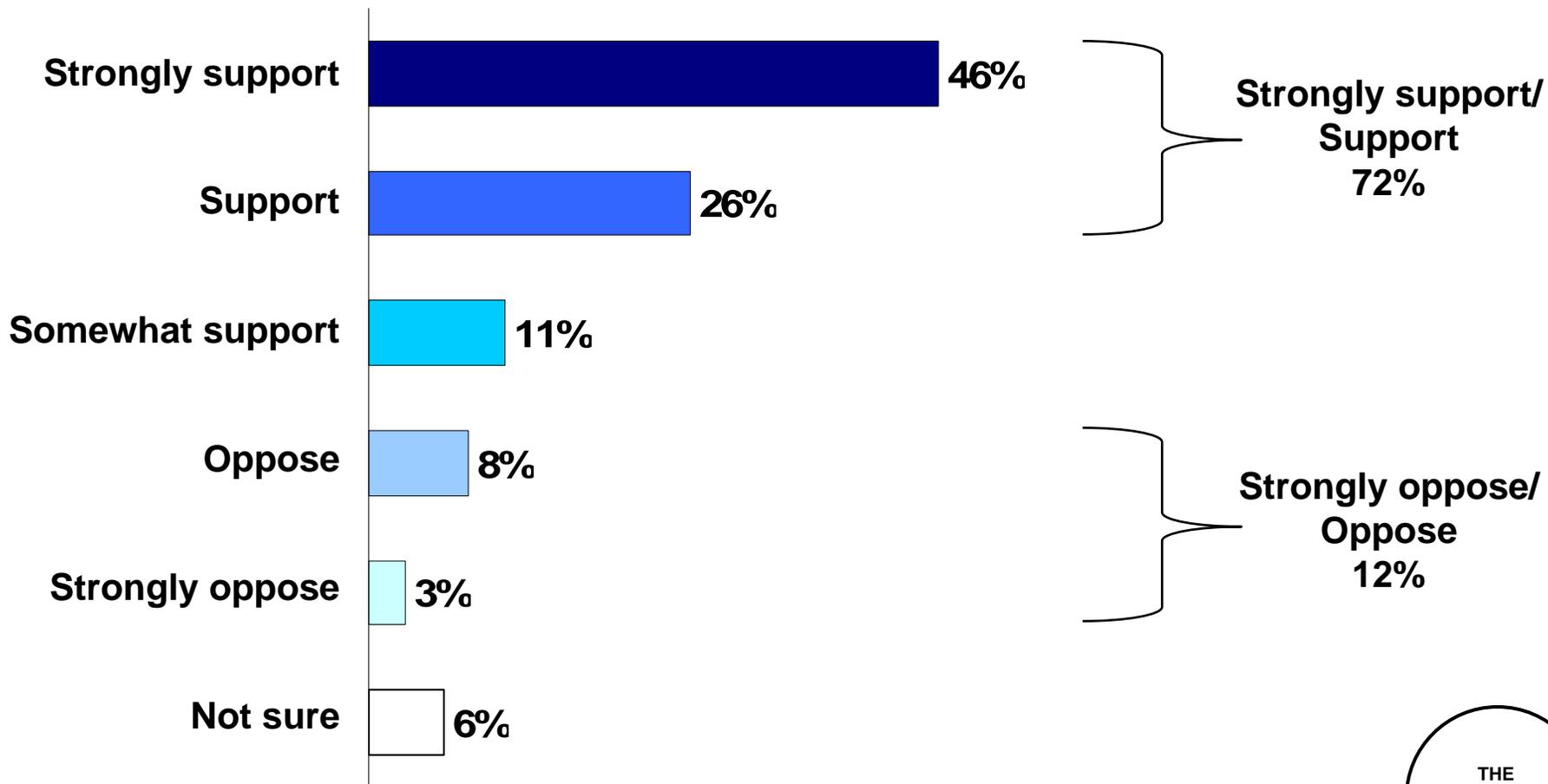
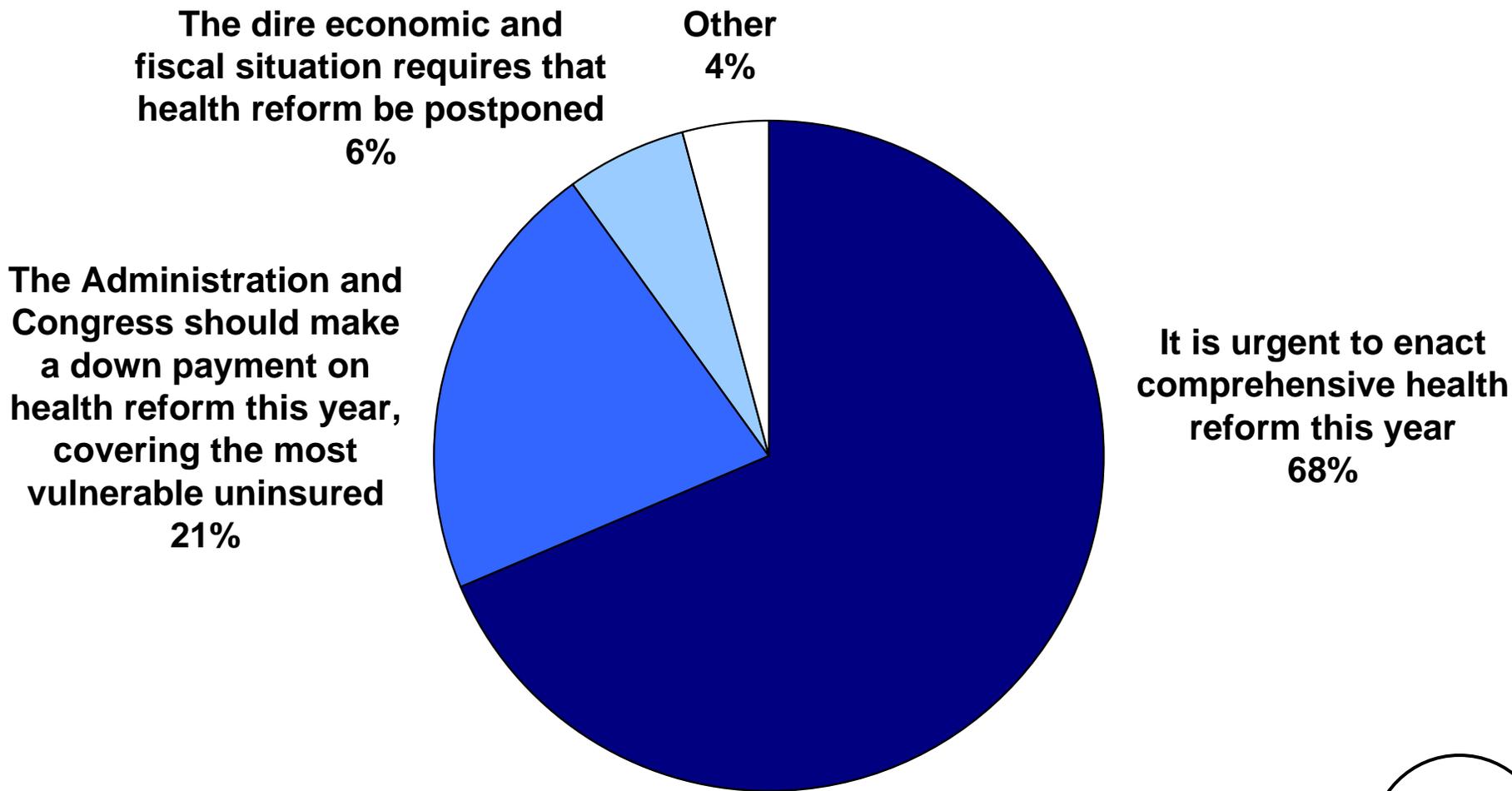


Figure 11. The Urgency of Action on Health Care Reform

“What is your view regarding the urgency of action on health reform?”



Source: Commonwealth Fund Health Care Opinion Leaders Survey, June 2009.