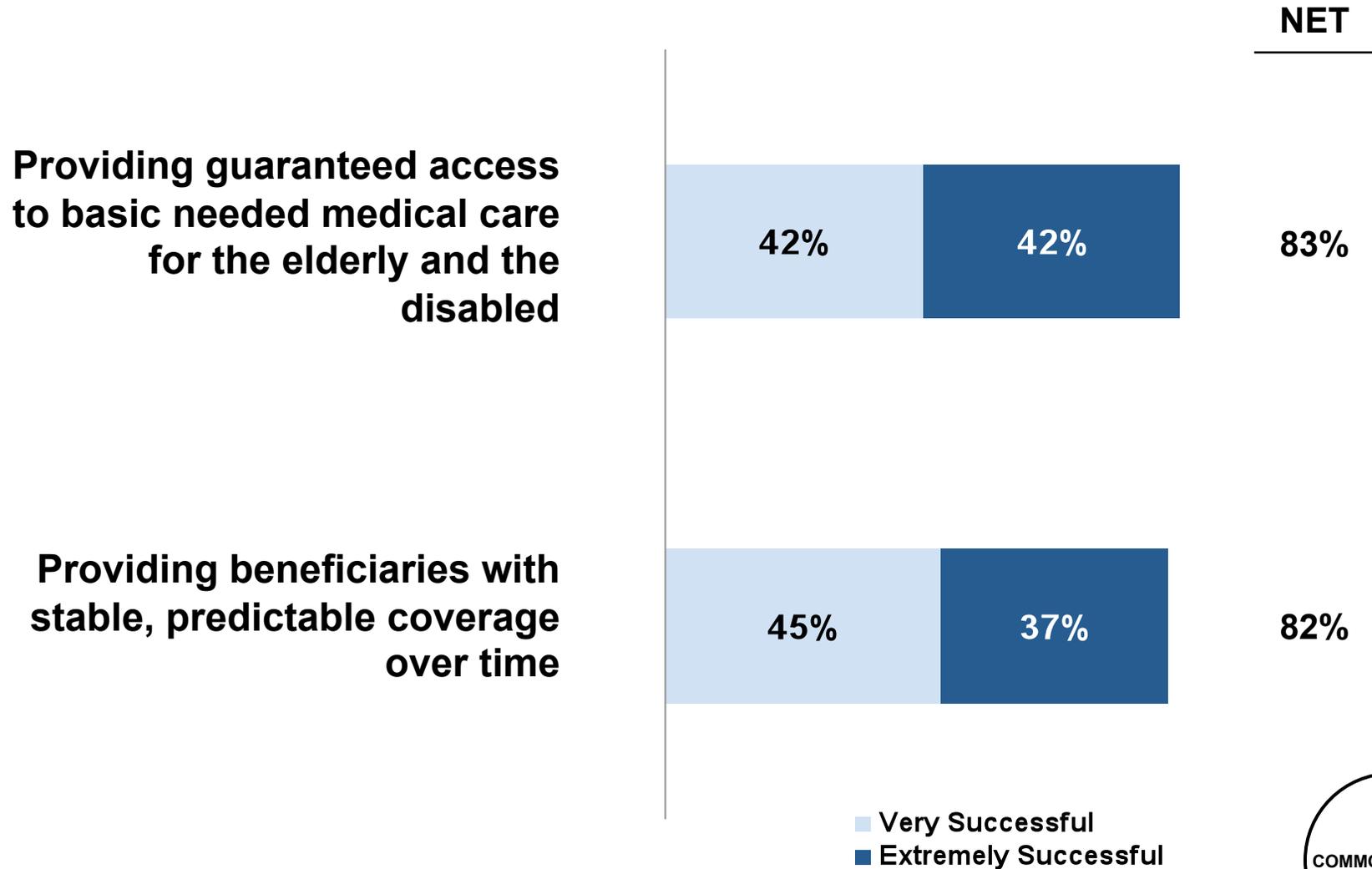


Figure 1. Medicare's Success in Achieving Major Goals

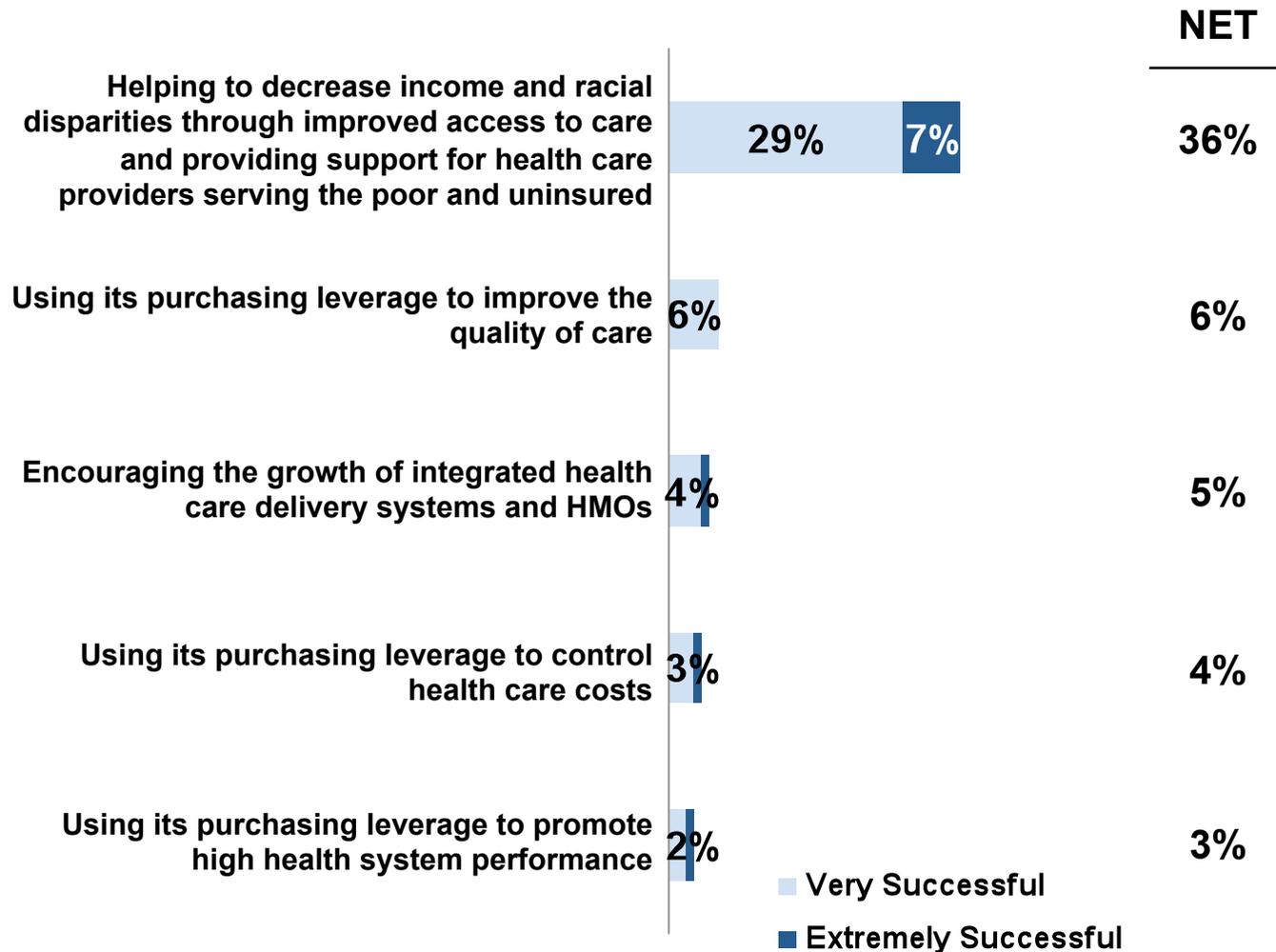
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Figure 2. Medicare Has Had Limited Impact Changing the Health System

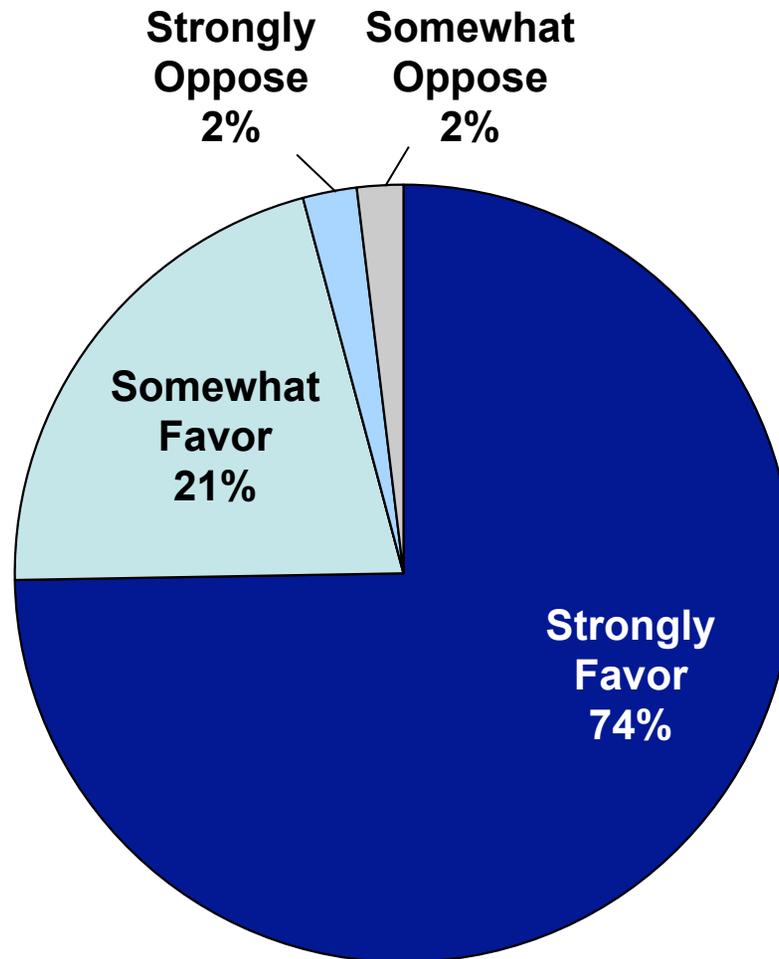
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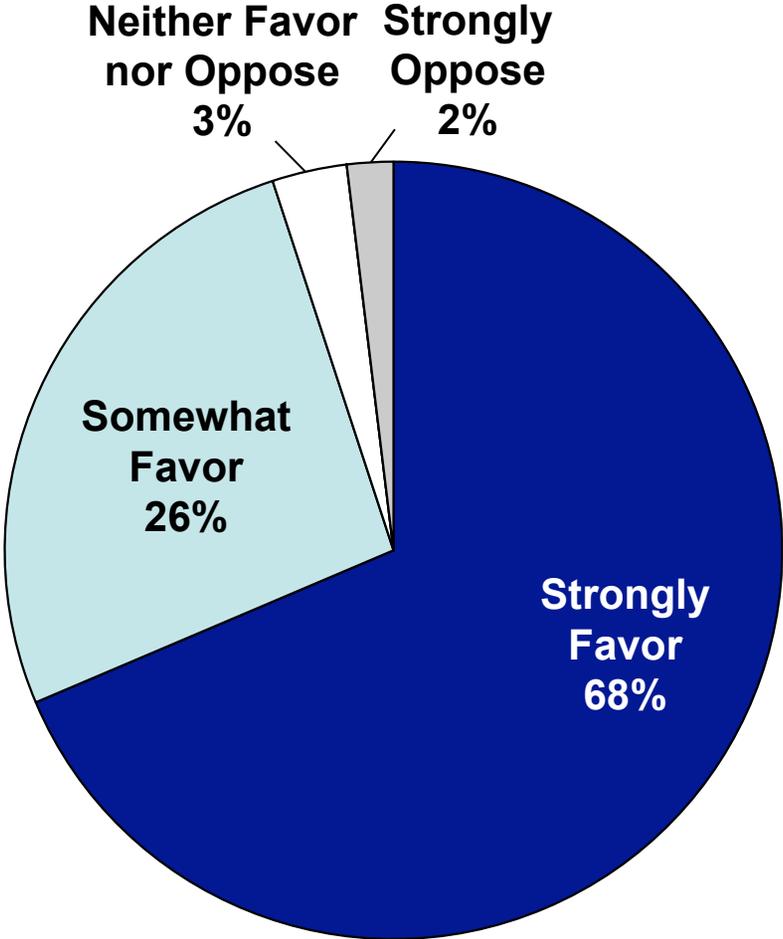
“How strongly would you favor or oppose expansion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ authority to put Medicare payment pilots that meet appropriate requirements on a ‘fast track’, with the ability to extend their duration and scope if they appear to be successful?”



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Figure 4. Expanding the Power of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to Work with Other Parties to Implement Multipayer Payment Initiatives

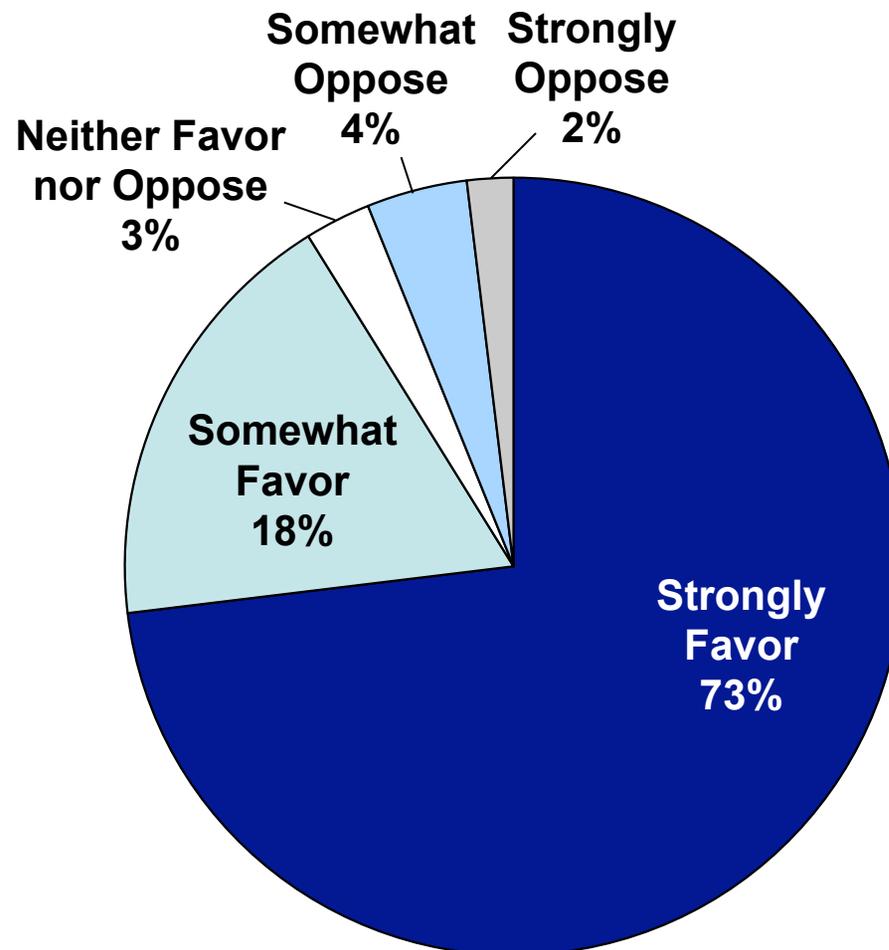
“How strongly would you favor or oppose expansion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ authority to work with private payers, providers, and other interested parties to develop and implement multipayer payment initiatives (including Medicare, Medicaid, and private payers) in selected areas?”



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Figure 5. Requiring Medicare recipients to participate in an all-payer database for research, policy development, and monitoring and evaluation purposes

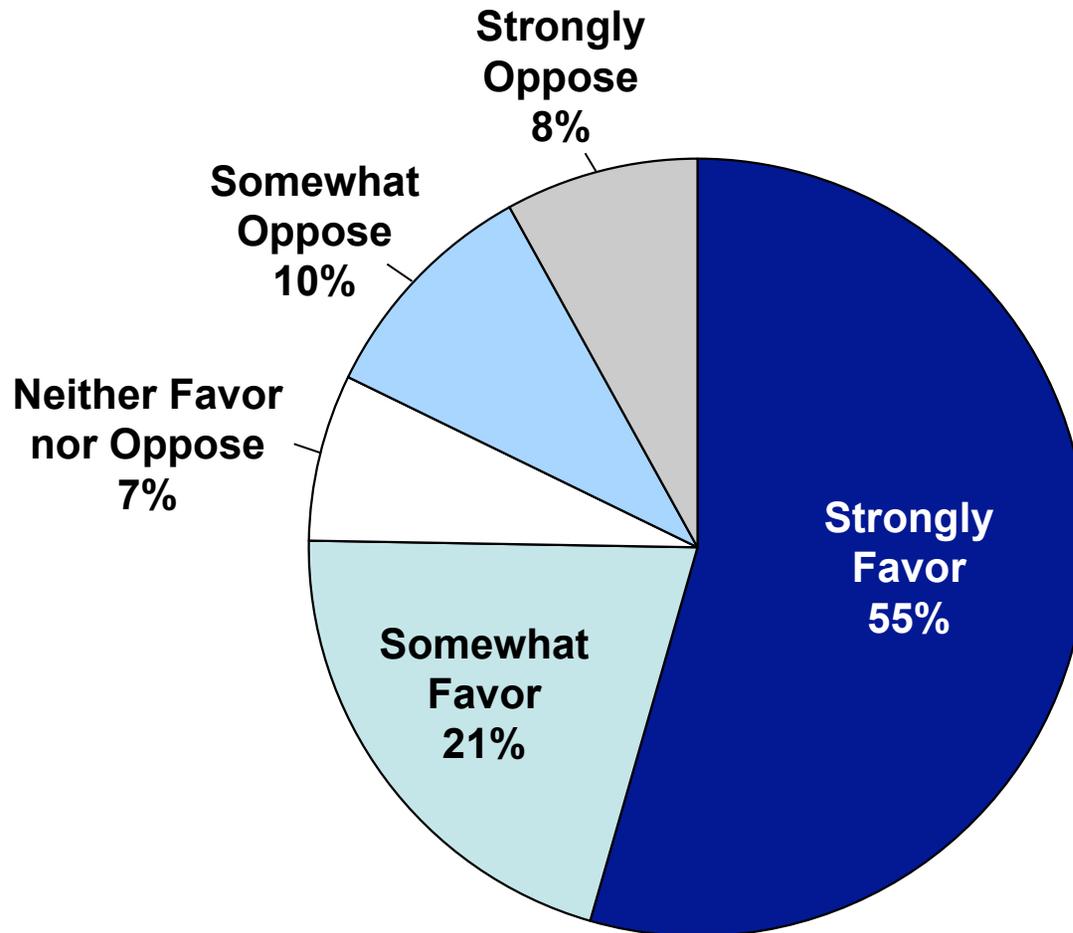
“How strongly would you favor or oppose requiring Medicare to participate in the development of state/ regional/national all-payer data bases, including Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance data, to provide a foundation for research, policy development, and monitoring and evaluation?”



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Figure 6. Reducing Medicare Advantage Payments to Match Costs in Local Areas

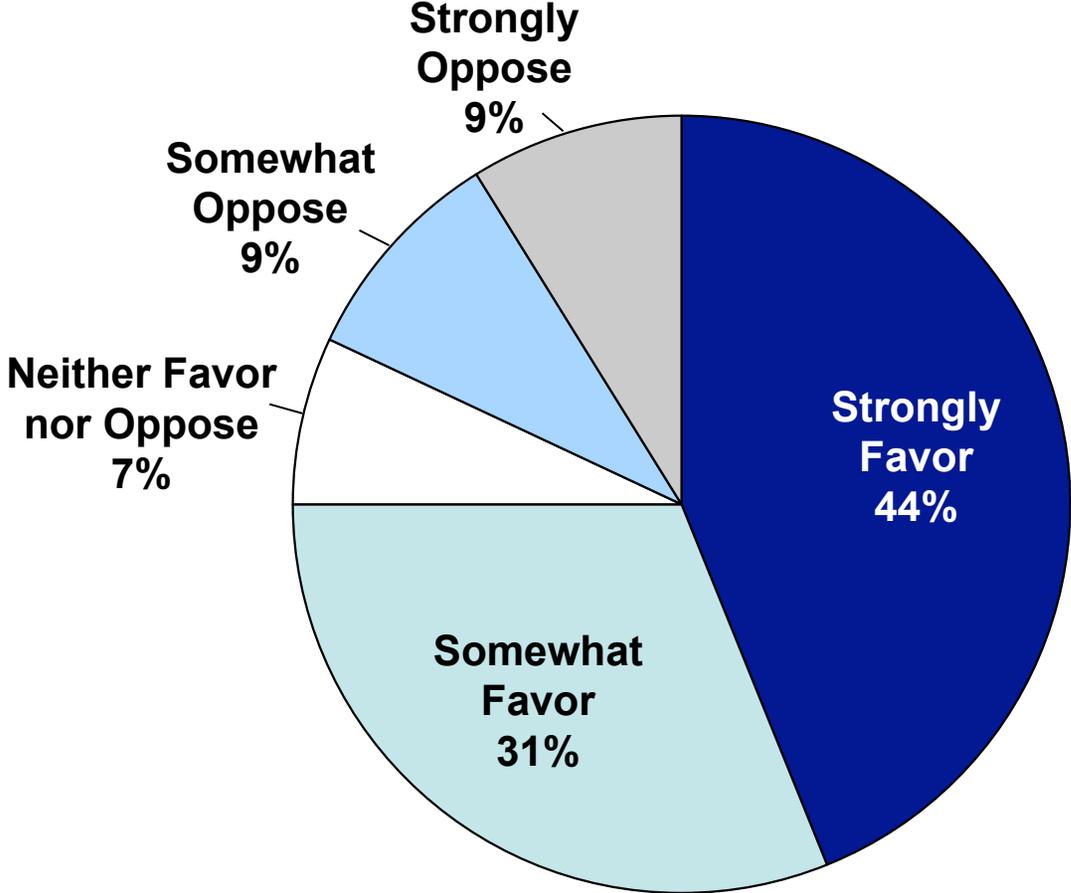
“Payments to Medicare Advantage plans in 2009 are projected to be 13 percent (\$11 billion, or \$1,100 per enrollee) greater than the corresponding costs in traditional Medicare. Policymakers have proposed reducing these payments to correspond more closely to the costs that Medicare Advantage plans face in their local areas. How strongly do you favor or oppose these proposals?”



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Figure 7. Creation of an Independent Medicare Advisory Council

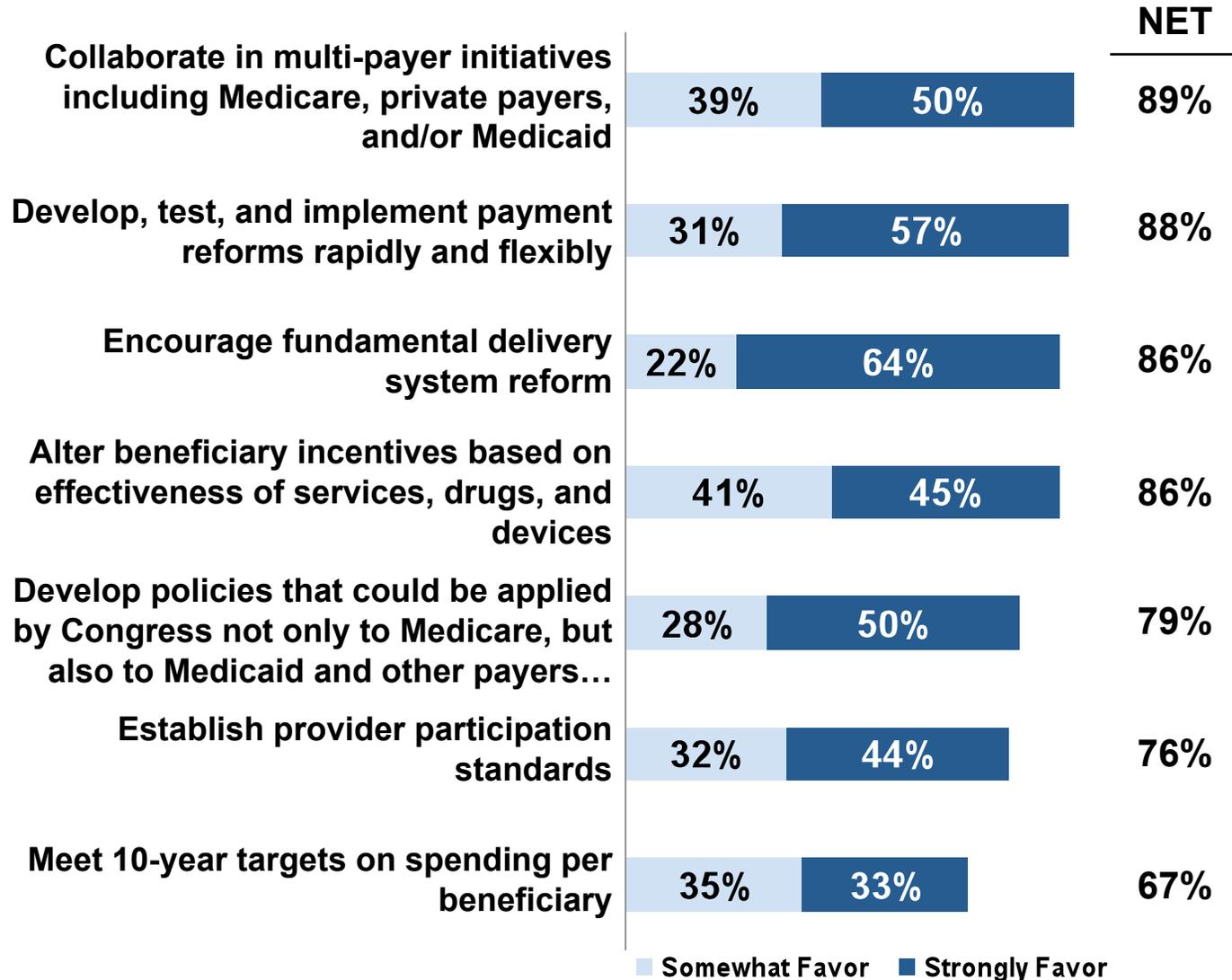
“Members of Congress and the Administration have discussed the creation of an independent Medicare advisory council with authority to make payment and benefit design decisions within parameters established by Congress and subject to review by the President and Congress. Please indicate the degree to which you favor or oppose the creation of an independent Medicare advisory council.”



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Figure 8. Authority of an Independent Medicare Advisory Council

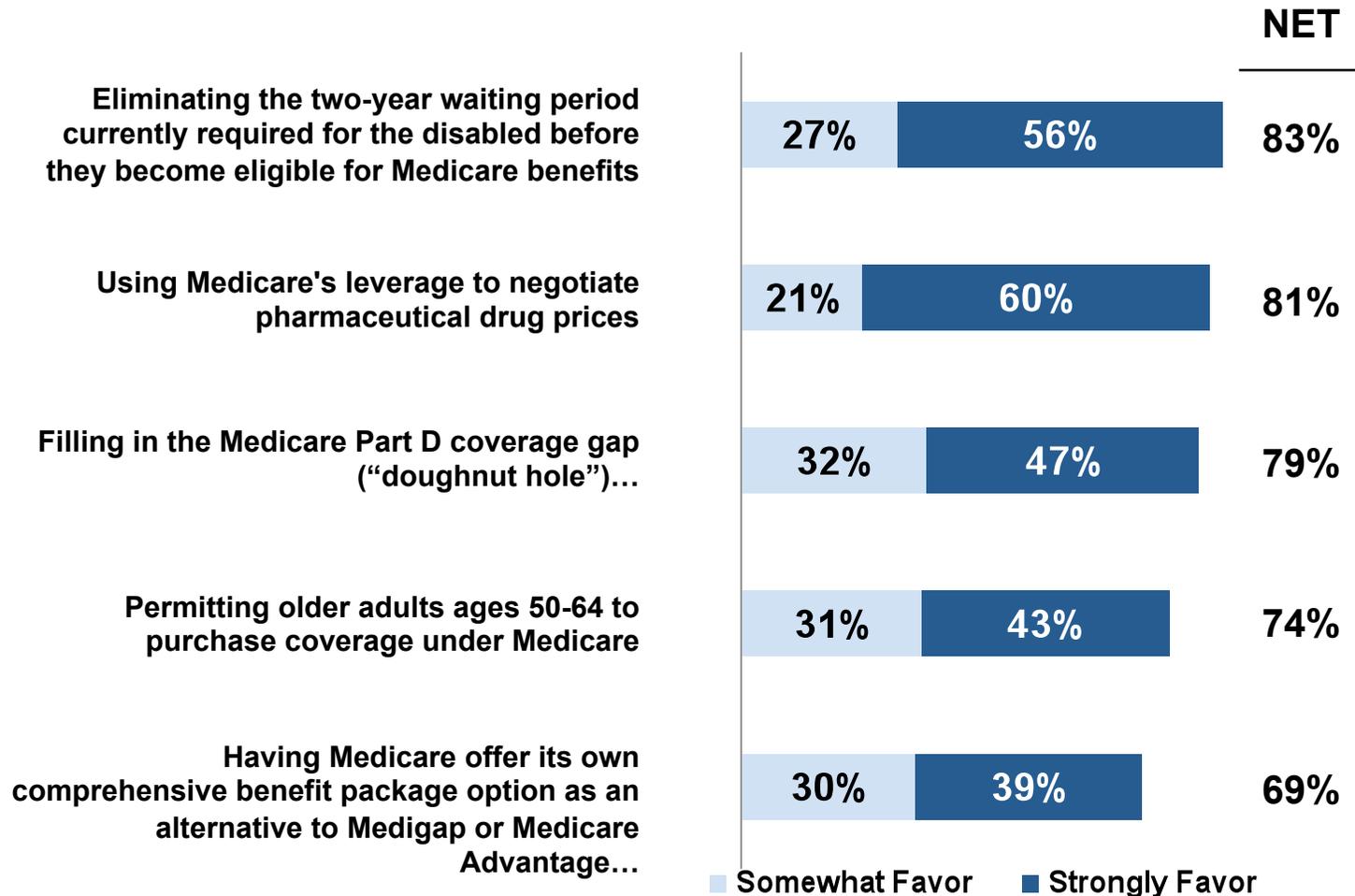
“If Congress were to create an independent Medicare advisory council, please indicate the degree to which you favor or oppose granting the entity the following authority, subject to Congressional and Presidential review:



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Figure 9. Suggested Changes to Medicare

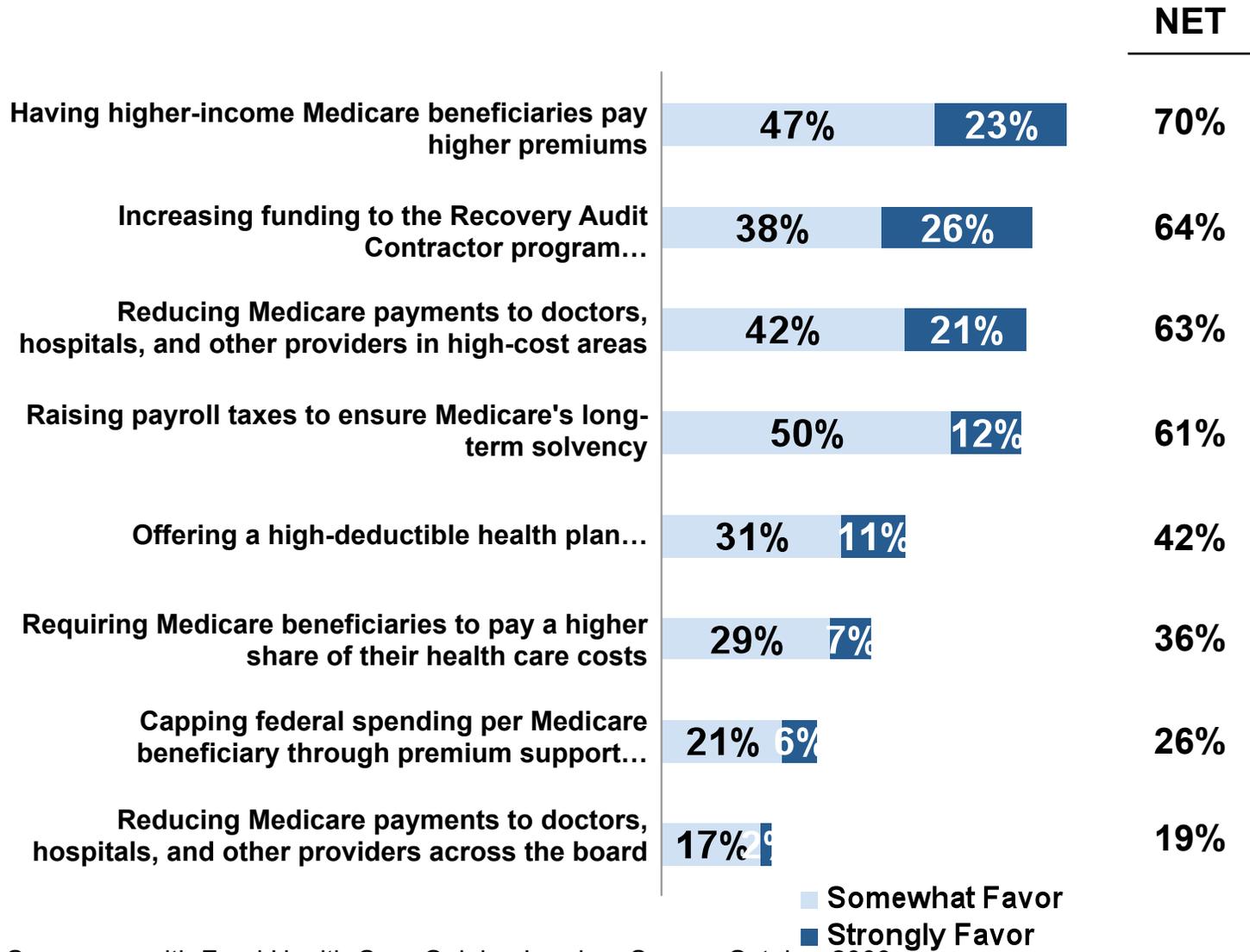
“Policymakers have suggested many additional changes to the Medicare program. How strongly do you favor or oppose changing Medicare in the following ways?”



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Figure 10. Proposed Changes to Improve Medicare’s Fiscal Situation

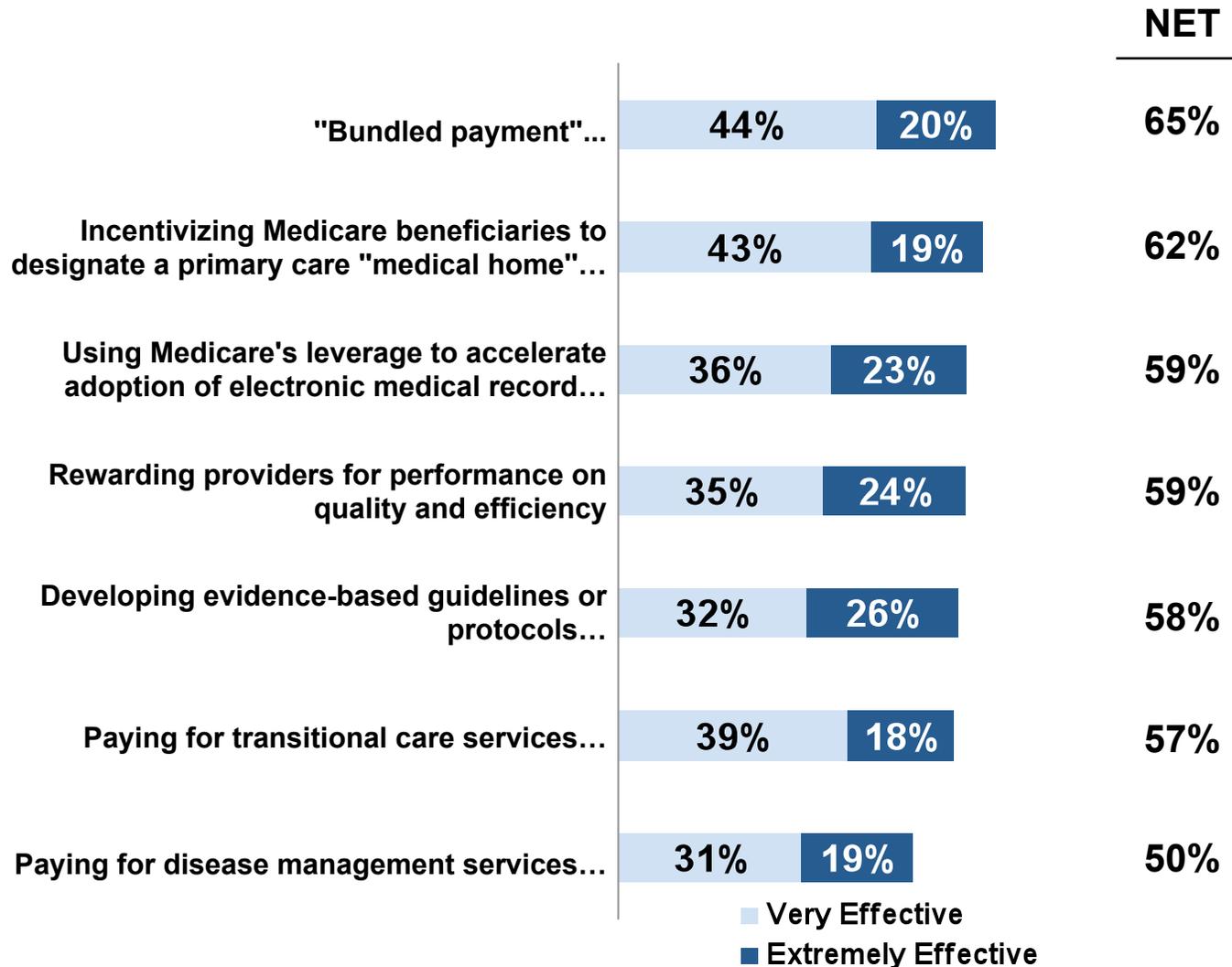
“The Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund is projected to exhaust its resources in 2017. Policymakers have considered several changes to improve Medicare’s fiscal situation. How strongly do you favor or oppose each of the following changes to increase Medicare revenues or reduce Medicare spending?”



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

Figure 11. Policies to Improve Care and Reduce Medicare Cost Growth

“Policymakers also have considered changes to Medicare policies that would be intended to encourage more coordinated, effective, and efficient health care for its beneficiaries. How effective do you think each of the following policies would be in improving care and reducing Medicare cost growth?”



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