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**The Commonwealth Fund Panel of Expert November 2006 (The Commonwealth Fund)**  
**TITLE FOR INITIAL SURVEY PAGE: The Commonwealth Fund Health Care Opinion Leaders  
Survey**

**Field Period: November 2006**

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**SUBJECTS FOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

400: Preloaded variables  
500: Introduction  
600: Important Health Care Issues for Congress to Address  
700: Goals  
800: Cost and Quality  
900: Health Insurance Coverage Expansion  
1000: Demographics

<b>Proprietary Questions Not To Be Released:</b>	ALL
<b>Harris Interactive-approved Results Items:</b>	N/A
<b>Use of Instant Results System:</b>	NO
<b>Harris Interactive-approved Soft Exit Items:</b>	N/A
<b>Survey Progress Bars:</b>	Dynamic
<b>Number of Response Equivalents (REs):</b>	20
<b>Estimated Survey Duration:</b>	5 minutes
<b>Survey Template:</b>	HI CORPORATE
<b>TTT Code (Q23):</b>	359999
<b>Survey Description:</b>	Survey on opinion leaders in the health care field
<b>Demographics Template:</b>	CUSTOM

**SECTION 400: PRE-LOADED VARIABLE**

**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q400** (QV7) Fund List

Academic and Research Institution  
Government  
Health Care Delivery  
Other Industry/Business Setting  
Pharmaceutical Industry  
Professional Trade, Consumer Organization  
MISSING

**BASE: Preloaded all respondents**

**Q403** (QV8) email address

**BASE: preloaded all respondents**

**Q404** (QV9) Full Name

**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q405** (QV10) Sample ID

**SECTION 500 INTRODUCTION**

**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q505** The progress bar below indicates approximately what portion of the survey you have completed.

Thank you for participating in the Commonwealth Fund Health Care Opinion Leaders Survey. We would like to ask for your input on a few timely questions regarding health policy, health care financing and delivery. Your responses will be reported in the aggregate only and will never be linked to you personally.

<b>SECTION 600: Important Health Care Issues for Congress to Address</b>
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**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q610** How important do you think the following health care issues are for Congress to address in the **next five years**? Please indicate the level of importance for each issue.

**Base: 289 Respondents**

	<b>Not at all important</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Absolutely essential</b>
Expand coverage for the uninsured	*	11	28	60
Expand the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to reach all uninsured children	3	20	34	42
Ensure that families are not exposed to excessive out-of-pocket costs in relation to income	2	22	48	27
Enact reforms to moderate the rising costs of health care for the nation	2	15	40	41
Increase the use of information technology to improve the quality and safety of care	2	17	40	39
Reform Medicare payment to reward performance on quality and efficiency	4	31	40	24
Narrow the gap between payments for primary care providers’ and specialists’ services	9	35	30	24
Reform the system for handling malpractice complaints, judgments, and awards	15	41	26	17
Improve Medicaid coverage	4	34	42	18
Simplify and standardize the health insurance process to reduce administrative costs	6	33	29	31
Reduce racial/ethnic disparities in care	3	31	40	24
Reform Medicare to ensure its long-run solvency	2	17	36	44
Improve the quality and efficiency of nursing home and long-term care	1	36	46	16
Provide incentives for individuals and employers to encourage the purchase of long-term care insurance	23	49	22	4
Control the rising cost of prescription drugs	4	28	39	27
Control Medicaid costs	6	35	45	13
Address the shortage of trained health professionals (e.g., primary care physicians and nurses)	5	24	40	30

**SECTION 700: Goals**

**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q705** What would you see as both an achievable and desirable goal or target for policy action within **the next 10 years**? Please enter a percentage in the box.

**BASE: 289 RESPONDENTS**

	<b>Median</b>
Proportion of under-65 population that has no health insurance (Currently: 18%)	5
Total cost of health care as a percentage of GDP (Currently: 16%)	16
Proportion of households spending more than 10 percent of their household income (5 percent for low-income households) on out-of-pocket health care costs and premiums (Currently: 17%)	10
Proportion of recommended care adults receive (Currently: 55%)	75
Proportion of recommended care children receive (Currently: 44%)	80
Proportion of recommended preventive care adults receive (Currently: 49%)	75
Proportion of recommended preventive care children receive (Currently: 43%)	85

<b>SECTION 800: Cost and Quality</b>
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**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q800** Below is a list of approaches that have been proposed to control the rising costs of health care and improve the quality of care. How effective do you think each of these approaches would be?

**Base: 289 Respondents**

	<b>Not at all effective</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>	<b>Very effective</b>	<b>Extremely effective</b>
Encourage competition among insurers and providers	25	39	24	10
Reduce inappropriate medical care	1	22	44	31
Reduce fraudulent billing	13	52	24	10
Require consumers to pay a substantially higher share of their health care costs	36	47	14	2
Reduce administrative costs of insurers and providers	7	39	25	28
Consolidate purchasing power by public and private insurers working together to moderate rising costs of care	12	37	35	15
Allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices	13	29	29	28
Make information on the comparative quality and costs of care of hospitals and physicians	13	42	33	12
Reward providers who are more efficient and provide higher quality care	4	34	34	27
Increased and more effective use of information technology	3	31	37	29
Reform the malpractice system	18	52	18	12
Create a national agency to set quality standards and practice guidelines	15	44	30	10
Establish a public/private mechanism to produce and disseminate information of effectiveness and best practices	7	39	36	18
Legalize the importation of brand name prescription drugs from Canada or other countries	28	46	16	8
Encourage small employers to join larger group purchasing pools to buy health insurance for their employees	15	44	29	12
Use evidence-based guidelines to determine whether a test or procedure should be done	4	26	43	26
Have all payers, including private insurers, Medicare, and Medicaid, adopt common payment methods or rates	15	34	30	21
Increase the use of disease and care management strategies for the	3	31	45	21

chronically ill Reduce reimbursement for procedures and increase reimbursement for primary care	11	41	33	14
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<b>SECTION 900: Health Insurance Coverage Expansion</b>
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**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q900** Below is a list of possible reforms to expand coverage for the uninsured. How effective do you think each of these reforms is?

**Base: 289 Respondents**

	<b>Not at all effective</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>	<b>Very effective</b>	<b>Extremely effective</b>
Mandate that all individuals buy coverage, and provide subsidies and a pooled mechanism for the uninsured to purchase affordable insurance	8	32	37	20
Provide tax credits or other subsidies to low-wage workers to buy coverage	22	52	20	5
Require employers who don't provide coverage to contribute to a fund that would pay for such coverage	10	38	38	12
Promote tax-free health savings accounts	46	39	9	5
Provide federal matching funds for Medicaid/SCHIP coverage of adults below 150% of poverty and children below 300% of poverty	4	38	44	14
Permit association health plans to provide coverage without state licensing restrictions	45	39	11	2
Eliminate the two-year waiting period for the disabled to qualify for Medicare benefits	10	49	29	11
Provide reinsurance for small business insurance plans	10	52	31	4
Allow individuals and small businesses to buy into the Federal Employees Health Benefits program or a similar federal group option	10	38	37	13
Let near-elderly adults buy into Medicare	10	43	32	14
Provide incentives or requirements to expand employer-based health insurance	9	46	36	7
Establish a single-payer insurance system run by the federal government	29	16	22	32
Establish an insurance system paid for by the federal government but provided through multiple private insurers	21	36	27	14
Open up Medicare to everyone not covered by an employer plan	17	35	31	16
Cover everyone under Medicare	27	18	22	30

<b>SECTION 1000: Demographics</b>
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**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q1100** How would you describe your current employment position? Please select all that apply.

	<b>Total (n=289)</b>
Policy analyst	25
Researcher/Professor/Teacher	30
Dean or department head	7
Policymaker or policy staff (federal)	2
Policymaker or policy staff (state)	1
CEO/President	27
Management/Administration	25
Lobbyist	3
Consultant	11
Regulator	*
Physician	18
Other health care provider (not physician)	3
Consumer advocate	9
Health care purchaser	10
Foundation officer	6
Investment analyst	-
Retired	4
Other	4

**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q1110** Which of the following best describes the type of place or institution for which you work or, if retired, last worked? Please select all that apply.

	<b>Total n=289</b>
	%
<b>Academic and Research Institutions</b>	<b>48</b>
Medical, public health, nursing, or other health professional school	24
Think tank/Health care institute/Policy research institution	12
University setting not in a medical, public health, nursing, or other health professional school	8
Foundation	7
Medical publisher	1
<b>Business/Insurance/Other Health Industry</b>	<b>33</b>
Health insurance and business association or organization	6
Pharmaceutical/Medical device trade association organization	-
Financial services industry	-
Health insurance/Managed care industry	8
Drug manufacturer	3
Device company	-
Biotech company	1
CEO, CFO, Benefits Manager	5

Polling organization	*
Health care consulting firm	6
Health care improvement organization	8
Accrediting body and organization (non-governmental)	1
<b>Health Care Delivery</b>	<b>33</b>
Medical society or professional association or organization	8
Hospital	13
Physician practice/Other clinical practice (patient care)	7
Hospital or related professional association or organization	5
Clinic	4
Nursing home/Long-term care facility	2
Allied health society or professional association or organization	2
<b>Government/ Labor/ Consumer Advocacy</b>	<b>13</b>
Labor/Consumers/Seniors' advocacy group	4
Staff for a federal elected official or federal legislative committee	-
Non-elected federal executive branch official	1
Staff for non-elected federal executive branch official	1
Non-elected state executive branch official	1
Staff for a state elected official or state legislative committee	1
Staff for non-elected state executive branch official	1
Other	4

**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q1500** All responses to this and future surveys will be kept confidential. Results will be reported to the Commonwealth Fund in such a way that no responses can be attributed to any individual.

In reporting the results of these surveys, the Commonwealth Fund would like to highlight the fact that the survey sample is made up of an authoritative collection of experts with a wide range of affiliations and perspectives.

For that purpose, may the Commonwealth Fund list your name as a participant in this survey?

	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>n=289</u></b>
Yes	87
No	11
No answer	2



**BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS**

**Q60** Status of Respondent (Does not appear on screen)

- 1 Qualified Complete (RESPONDENT who went through entire survey and answered at least 1 question)
- 6 Not Qualified (ALL OTHERS)

This completes the survey. Your answers have been recorded. <p>

Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in this survey.

