

RESPONSES TO QUESTION 4

In addition to employer-based coverage, would you like the option to purchase a private plan through an insurance-exchange or a public plan like Medicare?

- No - I do not want to purchase any services from government.
- Yes, but NOT LIKE Medicare. Medicare is a bureaucratic nightmare, and the insurance companies are, candidly, professional financial rapists. There must be a middle of the road here that takes greed out of the private insurance sector and too much bureaucracy out of the government system.
- I don't feel that this is a reasonable option for most Americans. We need to look at other ways that we can save money for patients rather than asking them to pay more in out of pocket expenses. Their savings are dwindling and their related health care needs are growing.
- We need to create non-employer options for people, and similarly, a private plan which employers can opt for to reduce their own costs.
- Yes, and I hope it includes holistic practitioners and nutritional support.
- Yes - I think this option should be explored
- I would like the option of a public plan, not an insurance-exchange plan.
- I think some of the questions on this survey are geared to fix a broken system instead of getting a new system that can work. When there is a car accident a decision is made about whether or not to fix the car or to total it and start over. We need to total our current medical system and start over.
- Let's not rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic, as someone said on the call.
- Yes. I would like preventive services and integrative medicine to be covered.
- Yes. We need a single payer system or some variation of such.
- I would prefer that we move to national health insurance, single payer plans.
- I have not thought this one through fully to answer it appropriately.
- No but I would like to see policies where I can customize and tailor my benefits based on my ability to engage in healthy lifestyle choices.
- No I think the entire country should be covered by a plan lie the Senate & Congress has even if it means paying more in taxes.
- Yes. I would like insurance that would continue if I want to change employers. I do not like being forced to accept the plan the employer chooses.
- Catastrophic only, and other premiums funds used for wellness services and supplements.
- I do not need to make such an option. As far as having a public policy, however, I really feel that a single third party payer would best promote a healthy, and thereby far more productive and less costly, society. At a minimum, there needs to be a universal health safety net. Public policy needs to recognize that "men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of [HEALTH and] happiness.
- Yes, a private plan.
- I would like to explore moving away from employer-based coverage. The Insurance industry needs to be regulated so the 'cross-subsidies' that occur between caring for the healthy and for the sick are transparent and fairly distributed (so companies share in the burden of covering expensive conditions).
- Yes, options are good as long as everybody is covered.
- I would like to be able to purchase an additional coverage for wellness services including massage, nutrition, acupuncture, and membership to a gym.

- Yes. Having such an option makes perfect sense.