# National Council of La Raza - Health Policy Survey <br> October 12-19, 2016 ( $\mathrm{N}=1,000$; +/-3.1\%) 

1. When it comes to health insurance coverage, do you think the Federal government should require that all people have health insurance?

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $68 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| No | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Don't know | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

2. One idea to change the current health insurance system is to create what is called a "public option". That would mean that the government would offer a health insurance plan that people could buy. People could choose to buy a health plan from a private insurance company, or from the government. Do you support or oppose the idea of having a public option? Is that strongly/somewhat?

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Support | $41 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Somewhat Support | $39 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Somewhat Oppose | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Strongly Oppose | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| TOTAL SUPPORT | $80 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| TOTAL OPPOSE | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Don't know | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ |

3. When it comes to health care, which of the following three statements is closest to your view? [RANDOMIZE]

The Affordable Care Act is mostly working well. It should remain in place and improved by lowering
Total CA FL TX the out-of-pocket costs to families.

The Affordable Care Act is not working and should be completely repealed.

| The Affordable Care Act is working well and should | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| remain in place as it is now. |  |  |  |  |
| Neither | $1 \%$ |  | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Don't know | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

## SPLIT A/B

The Affordable Care Act, has many different parts. For each one, tell me if you think it is important to keep that part of the law in place, or if you think it would be better to end that part of the law.

4A. People cannot be denied insurance coverage because of health problems they already have, or had in the past, such as cancer, asthma, or diabetes.

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Important to keep in place | $90 \%$ | $87 \%$ | $87 \%$ | $85 \%$ |
| Should be cut | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Don't know | $1 \%$ |  | $2 \%$ |  |

4B. Allow young adults to stay on their parent's health insurance plan up to age 26.

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Important to keep in place | $83 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| Should be cut | $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Don't know | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |  | $5 \%$ |

5. [CALIFORNIA ONLY] What is your view of California's state law that makes MediCal health insurance coverage available to all low-income children, no matter their immigration or citizenship status? Would you say you: agree/disagree, with this law? And is that strongly/somewhat?

|  | CA |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | $68 \%$ |
| Somewhat Agree | $19 \%$ |
| Somewhat Disagree | $5 \%$ |
| Strongly Disagree | $8 \%$ |
| TOTAL AGREE | $87 \%$ |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | $13 \%$ |
| Don't know | $0 \%$ |

[Florida and Texas only]
6.When it comes to access to health insurance, do you think that the state of [STATE] should accept federal money to expand the Medicaid program so that more lowincome people have access to health insurance?

|  | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, state should expand Medicaid | $80 \%$ | $81 \%$ |
| No, states should not expand Medicaid | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Don't know | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

7. If one candidate supported [STATE] accepting federal funds to expand Medicaid so that more poor people had health insurance, while the other candidate opposed expanding Medicaid and prefers that [STATE] rejects the federal funds, which candidate would you be more likely to support?

|  | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Candidate who wants to expand Medicaid | $78 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| Candidate who opposes Medicaid expansion | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

8. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose a change to the Affordable Care Act that offered tax credits or refunds for out-ofpocket medical expenses like co-pays, prescription medicine, and deductibles.

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly favor | $40 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Somewhat favor | $43 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| TOTAL FAVOR | $82 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| TOTAL OPPOSE | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Not sure | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

## SPLIT A/B

9A. How much do you think the public officials take into account the needs of people like you when considering health insurance reforms? Do you think it is:

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A lot | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Somewhat | $34 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Not too much | $32 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Not at all | $20 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Don't know | $2 \%$ |  | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Total a lot/some | $46 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Total not much/none | $52 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $58 \%$ |

9B. How much do you think the public officials take into account the health needs of the [Latino/Hispanic] community when considering health insurance reforms? Do you think it is:

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A lot | $15 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Somewhat | $31 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Not too much | $32 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Not at all | $19 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Don't know | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Total yes | $46 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Total no | $51 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $49 \%$ |

Please tell me whether you think it is important or not important that the federal government provide support for the following health programs. And is that very or just somewhat?
10. The Head Start program that provides health services, early learning, and parent support for 3 and 4 year-old children.

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very important | $75 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Somewhat important | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Somewhat unimportant | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Not at all important | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Don't know | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Total Important | $94 \%$ | $92 \%$ | $92 \%$ | $91 \%$ |
| Total Unimportant | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

11. School-based health centers that provides a range of health services such as medical, dental, and counseling to all children.

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very important | $72 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| Somewhat important | $21 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat unimportant | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Not at all important | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Don't know | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Total Important | $93 \%$ | $95 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $90 \%$ |
| Total Unimportant | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

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12. Programs that deal specifically with mental health needs including diagnosis, treatment, and counseling services.

|  | Total | CA | FL | TX |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very important | $76 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| Somewhat important | $20 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Somewhat unimportant | $2 \%$ |  | $8 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Not at all important | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Don't know | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Total Important | $96 \%$ | $98 \%$ | $90 \%$ | $94 \%$ |
| Total Unimportant | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

## METHODOLOGY

On behalf of NCLR, Latino Decisions interviewed a total of 1,000 Latino registered voters between October 12-19, 2016. Interviews were conducted in English or Spanish, according to the respondent's choice. Surveys were completed using a blended sample that included live telephone interviews on landlines and cell phones, and online surveys. The overall survey carries a margin of error of $+/-3.1$ percentage points. State oversamples with a total of 200 interviews per state were completed in Texas, Florida, and California. The state-level results carry a margin of error of +/-6.2 percentage points.

