



**Preliminary Combined Data from
3 CITIZEN FORUMS:**

Littleton (03/29/07)

Laconia (04/24/07)

Manchester (05/03/07)

**Combined Littleton,
Laconia and
Manchester**

**Combined Littleton,
Laconia and
Manchester**

Number of Participants

164

What is your race?

	combined #s	combined %
1. White	151	96.8%
2. Black	2	1.3%
3. Asian	0	0.0%
4. Hispanic	1	0.6%
5. Mixed race	2	1.3%

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What is your sex?

1. Male	31	19.6%
2. Female	127	80.4%

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What is your age?

1. under 25	9	5.5%
2. 25-44	24	14.7%
3. 45-64	91	55.8%
4. over 64	39	23.9%

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**How do you pay for health
care? (primary)**

1. Employer-based insurance	101	63.5%
2. Self-purchased insurance	11	6.9%
3. Medicare	33	20.8%
4. Medicaid	2	1.3%
5. Veterans benefits	4	2.5%

6. Other	8	5.0%
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How do you pay for health care? (secondary)

1. Employer-based insurance	12	37.5%
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2. Self-purchased insurance	4	12.5%
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3. Medicare	0	0.0%
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4. Medicaid	0	0.0%
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5. Veterans benefits	0	0.0%
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6. Other	16	50.0%
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What is the highest level of formal school you have completed?

1. Grade school	2	1.2%
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2. High school	8	4.9%
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3. Some college	26	16.0%
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4. Vocational school	14	8.6%
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5. Bachelor degree	59	36.2%
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6. Graduate degree	54	33.1%
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Which one of these statements best describes the U.S. health care system today?

1. State of crisis	84	52.2%
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2. Major problems	74	46.0%
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3. Minor problems	2	1.2%
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4. No problems	0	0.0%
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5. Model for other nations	1	0.6%
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6. No opinion	0	0.0%
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Having state-of-art life-saving treatments

1. Not at all	22	13.3%
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2. A little	27	16.4%
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3. Important	52	31.5%
4. Very important	33	20.0%
5. Extremely important	31	18.8%
	165	

Keeping me alive as long as possible

1. Not at all	74	46.8%
2. A little	44	27.8%
3. Important	30	19.0%
4. Very Important	7	4.4%
5. Extremely important	5	3.2%
	158	

Controlling my pain

1. Not at all	1	0.6%
2. A little	1	0.6%
3. Important	8	5.0%
4. Very Important	20	12.4%
5. Extremely important	131	81.4%
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Help with bowel and bladder control

1. Not at all	4	3.9%
2. A little	5	4.9%
3. Important	14	13.7%
4. Very Important	29	28.4%
5. Extremely important	50	49.0%
	102	

Being able to communicate

1. Not at all	1	1.0%
2. A little	0	0.0%
3. Important	4	3.8%
4. Very Important	28	26.9%
5. Extremely important	71	68.3%
	104	

Being at home

1. Not at all	1	1.0%
2. A little	3	3.0%

3. Important	15	14.9%
4. Very Important	22	21.8%
5. Extremely important	60	59.4%
	101	

Being physically safe at home

1. Not at all	1	1.9%
2. A little	0	0.0%
3. Important	2	3.8%
4. Very Important	6	11.5%
5. Extremely important	43	82.7%
	52	

Protection from fraudulent and predatory business practices

1. Not at all	1	1.9%
2. A little	2	3.8%
3. Important	5	9.6%
4. Very Important	11	21.2%
5. Extremely important	33	63.5%
	52	

Attention to my emotional well-being

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	2	1.9%
3. Important	9	8.7%
4. Very Important	30	28.8%
5. Extremely important	63	60.6%
	104	

Attention to my personal appearance

1. Not at all	4	3.9%
2. A little	13	12.7%
3. Important	31	30.4%
4. Very Important	37	36.3%
5. Extremely important	17	16.7%
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**Personal care: dressing,
grooming, toileting**

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	5	4.9%
3. Important	26	25.2%
4. Very Important	36	35.0%
5. Extremely important	36	35.0%
	103	

**Transportation for my needs
and activities**

1. Not at all	1	1.0%
2. A little	7	6.7%
3. Important	20	19.0%
4. Very Important	43	41.0%
5. Extremely important	34	32.4%
	105	

**Help with cooking and meal
preparation**

1. Not at all	4	3.8%
2. A little	7	6.7%
3. Important	39	37.1%
4. Very Important	39	37.1%
5. Extremely important	16	15.2%
	105	

**Help taking care of “loose
ends” in my affairs**

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	8	7.9%
3. Important	23	22.8%
4. Very Important	36	35.6%
5. Extremely important	34	33.7%
	101	

**Estate planning services that
can come to me if I am living
alone**

1. Not at all	2	3.9%
2. A little	8	15.7%
3. Important	14	27.5%

4. Very Important	14	27.5%
5. Extremely important	13	25.5%
	51	

Help planning my funeral

1. Not at all	12	11.8%
2. A little	17	16.7%
3. Important	34	33.3%
4. Very Important	29	28.4%
5. Extremely important	10	9.8%
	102	

Help achieving a meaningful closure to life

1. Not at all	5	4.9%
2. A little	4	3.9%
3. Important	17	16.7%
4. Very Important	18	17.6%
5. Extremely important	58	56.9%
	102	

Leaving a legacy to my family

1. Not at all	6	5.9%
2. A little	15	14.7%
3. Important	27	26.5%
4. Very Important	28	27.5%
5. Extremely important	26	25.5%
	102	

Not dying alone

1. Not at all	8	7.8%
2. A little	4	3.9%
3. Important	20	19.4%
4. Very Important	16	15.5%
5. Extremely important	55	53.4%
	103	

Care for my children

1. Not at all	20	19.8%
2. A little	12	11.9%
3. Important	22	21.8%
4. Very Important	11	10.9%

5. Extremely important	36	35.6%
	101	

Care for my pets

1. Not at all	31	30.4%
2. A little	9	8.8%
3. Important	27	26.5%
4. Very Important	11	10.8%
5. Extremely important	24	23.5%
	102	

Honest, clear communications with doctors and health care providers

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	0	0.0%
3. Important	7	4.4%
4. Very Important	12	7.6%
5. Extremely important	139	88.0%
	158	

Being helped in making medical decisions that are true to my values

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	4	2.5%
3. Important	13	8.1%
4. Very Important	26	16.3%
5. Extremely important	117	73.1%
	160	

Having my choices honored

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	1	0.6%
3. Important	6	3.7%
4. Very Important	12	7.4%
5. Extremely important	143	88.3%
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Respecting my dignity

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
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2. A little	0	0.0%
3. Important	9	5.6%
4. Very Important	17	10.6%
5. Extremely important	134	83.8%
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Smooth transitions from curative treatments to care directed at quality of life

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	0	0.0%
3. Important	17	10.6%
4. Very Important	46	28.8%
5. Extremely important	97	60.6%
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Timely referrals to palliative care and hospice

1. Not at all	1	0.6%
2. A little	0	0.0%
3. Important	15	9.4%
4. Very Important	43	26.9%
5. Extremely important	101	63.1%
	160	

Having residential hospice available if I need it

1. Not at all	1	1.9%
2. A little	1	1.9%
3. Important	8	15.1%
4. Very Important	11	20.8%
5. Extremely important	32	60.4%
	53	

Not being a burden to my family

1. Not at all	2	1.3%
2. A little	5	3.2%
3. Important	22	13.9%
4. Very Important	36	22.8%
5. Extremely important	93	58.9%
	158	

Making sure I do not suffer

1. Not at all	3	1.9%
2. A little	3	1.9%
3. Important	16	10.0%
4. Very Important	28	17.5%
5. Extremely important	110	68.8%
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Having physician-assisted suicide available if I am suffering

1. Not at all	66	42.0%
2. A little	17	10.8%
3. Important	13	8.3%
4. Very Important	20	12.7%
5. Extremely important	41	26.1%
	157	

Having euthanasia* available if I am suffering

1. Not at all	70	44.0%
2. A little	15	9.4%
3. Important	28	17.6%
4. Very Important	10	6.3%
5. Extremely important	36	22.6%
	159	

One person coordinating my care

1. Not at all	5	3.2%
2. A little	14	8.9%
3. Important	49	31.0%
4. Very Important	43	27.2%
5. Extremely important	47	29.7%
	158	

Continuity of care between appointments and among health care professionals

1. Not at all	0	0.0%
2. A little	1	0.6%
3. Important	25	15.6%

4. Very Important	48	30.0%
5. Extremely important	86	53.8%
	160	

Not having too many health care professionals involved in my care

1. Not at all	8	6.3%
2. A little	16	12.5%
3. Important	58	45.3%
4. Very Important	38	29.7%
5. Extremely important	36	28.1%
	128	

Not being abandoned by health care professionals

1. Not at all	3	1.9%
2. A little	2	1.3%
3. Important	17	10.7%
4. Very Important	42	26.4%
5. Extremely important	95	59.7%
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Having adequate insurance coverage

1. Not at all	1	1.0%
2. A little	1	1.0%
3. Important	5	4.8%
4. Very Important	12	11.5%
5. Extremely important	85	81.7%
	104	

Clear and simple health care billing

1. Not at all	1	0.6%
2. A little	3	1.9%
3. Important	20	12.5%
4. Very Important	26	16.3%
5. Extremely important	110	68.8%
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Spiritual care and support

1. Not at all	9	5.7%
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2. A little	15	9.4%
3. Important	20	12.6%
4. Very Important	20	12.6%
5. Extremely important	95	59.7%
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Having someone to pray with me

1. Not at all	32	20.1%
2. A little	21	13.2%
3. Important	25	15.7%
4. Very Important	20	12.6%
5. Extremely important	61	38.4%
	159	

Having people to pray for me

1. Not at all	14	13.6%
2. A little	12	11.7%
3. Important	25	24.3%
4. Very Important	16	15.5%
5. Extremely important	36	35.0%
	103	

Having people keep me company

1. Not at all	6	3.8%
2. A little	21	13.1%
3. Important	46	28.8%
4. Very Important	35	21.9%
5. Extremely important	52	32.5%
	160	

Having services at home paid for

1. Not at all	5	3.2%
2. A little	1	0.6%
3. Important	15	9.6%
4. Very Important	25	15.9%
5. Extremely important	111	70.7%
	157	

Not losing all our savings

1. Not at all	6	3.8%
2. A little	5	3.2%
3. Important	16	10.1%
4. Very Important	31	19.6%
5. Extremely important	100	63.3%

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Not leaving my family with debt

1. Not at all	2	1.3%
2. A little	0	0.0%
3. Important	11	7.0%
4. Very Important	20	12.7%
5. Extremely important	125	79.1%

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Help in taking care of my family in the future

1. Not at all	13	9.4%
2. A little	15	10.8%
3. Important	33	23.7%
4. Very Important	32	23.0%
5. Extremely important	66	47.5%

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Being able to keep my house and leave it to my family

1. Not at all	15	14.9%
2. A little	10	9.9%
3. Important	14	13.9%
4. Very Important	23	22.8%
5. Extremely important	39	38.6%

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Where would you want to spend the last days of your life?

1. Own Home	114	72.6%
2. Friend-Family Home	7	4.5%
3. Nursing Home	0	0.0%
4. Hospital	2	1.3%

5. Hospice facility	23	14.6%
6. Assisted living	6	3.8%
7. Other	5	3.2%
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How important is it to you that you spend the last days of your life in the place you chose?

1. Not at all	3	1.9%
2. A little	13	8.1%
3. Important	27	16.9%
4. Very Important	38	23.8%
5. Extremely important	79	49.4%
	160	

Public policy should provide for affordable health care for all Americans.

1. Strongly disagree	15	9.9%
2. Disagree	2	1.3%
3. No Opinion	4	2.6%
4. Agree	16	10.5%
5. Strongly Agree	115	75.7%
	152	

Insurance companies with unscrupulous business practices should be prosecuted and fined

1. Strongly disagree	7	4.4%
2. Disagree	1	0.6%
3. No Opinion	2	1.3%
4. Agree	12	7.5%
5. Strongly Agree	137	86.2%
	159	

Electronic medical record formats must be standardized enabling transfer of patients' health records between doctors and health care facilities

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.5%
2. Disagree	5	3.2%
3. No Opinion	6	3.8%
4. Agree	43	27.2%
5. Strongly Agree	100	63.3%
	158	

Streamline or reduce "paperwork" of billing and documentation allowing clinicians to have time to spend with patients

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	3	2.9%
4. Agree	9	8.7%
5. Strongly Agree	91	88.3%
	103	

Emphasize continuity of care, between health care providers and facilities, as a focus for quality measurement and improvement

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	1	1.0%
3. No Opinion	3	2.9%
4. Agree	35	33.7%
5. Strongly Agree	65	62.5%
	104	

I am willing to pay a modest percentage of income across my working life for appropriate, timely, comprehensive care from conception to death.

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.5%
2. Disagree	5	3.1%
3. No Opinion	12	7.5%
4. Agree	52	32.7%
5. Strongly Agree	86	54.1%
	159	

If necessary to pay for increased at-home care, including case management and hospice, it would be acceptable to limit routine payments for treatments, such as internal cardiac defibrillators and transplants.

1. Strongly disagree	12	7.8%
2. Disagree	17	11.0%
3. No Opinion	42	27.3%
4. Agree	50	32.5%
5. Strongly Agree	33	21.4%
	154	

Establish standards for licensing and accreditation and require health care institutions and professionals to demonstrate culturally competent practices

1. Strongly disagree	5	3.2%
2. Disagree	4	2.6%
3. No Opinion	22	14.1%

4. Agree	64	41.0%
5. Strongly Agree	61	39.1%
	156	

Require medical and nursing schools to include core content in ethnic and cultural norms and preferences for health care decision-making

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.5%
2. Disagree	5	3.1%
3. No Opinion	13	8.2%
4. Agree	55	34.6%
5. Strongly Agree	82	51.6%
	159	

Require government subsidized Community Health Centers to include hospice and palliative care as component services

1. Strongly disagree	3	3.0%
2. Disagree	3	3.0%
3. No Opinion	8	8.0%
4. Agree	24	24.0%
5. Strongly Agree	62	62.0%
	100	

Requiring health services to respect diversity of religious beliefs and customs

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	2	4.1%
4. Agree	19	38.8%
5. Strongly Agree	28	57.1%
	49	

Having a physician who speaks English

1. Strongly disagree	2	1.9%
2. Disagree	4	3.8%
3. No Opinion	10	9.6%
4. Agree	28	26.9%
5. Strongly Agree	60	57.7%
	104	

Education about death, dying and grief within grade school and high school

1. Strongly disagree	3	3.0%
2. Disagree	10	9.9%
3. No Opinion	15	14.9%
4. Agree	33	32.7%
5. Strongly Agree	40	39.6%
	101	

Medicare payments should be adjusted for true costs of hospital, nursing home, home health and hospice care in rural areas

1. Strongly disagree	7	4.5%
2. Disagree	7	4.5%
3. No Opinion	9	5.8%
4. Agree	34	22.1%
5. Strongly Agree	97	63.0%
	154	

Relax federal restrictions on Critical Access Hospitals to allow them to care for hospice and palliative care patients for more than 4 days

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.6%
2. Disagree	4	2.6%
3. No Opinion	11	7.2%
4. Agree	27	17.6%
5. Strongly Agree	107	69.9%

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Medicare and Institutes on Health should fund and test regional models of hospice care for rural residents

1. Strongly disagree	3	1.9%
2. Disagree	3	1.9%
3. No Opinion	13	8.4%
4. Agree	61	39.4%
5. Strongly Agree	75	48.4%

155

Medicare and insurance should fund overnight stays for family members to be near patients transferred to regional centers.

1. Strongly disagree	8	7.9%
2. Disagree	21	20.8%
3. No Opinion	22	21.8%
4. Agree	38	37.6%
5. Strongly Agree	12	11.9%

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Government should create incentives to recruit and retain physicians and other health care professionals in rural communities.

1. Strongly disagree	1	1.0%
2. Disagree	4	3.9%
3. No Opinion	2	2.0%
4. Agree	29	28.4%
5. Strongly Agree	66	64.7%

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Require pharmacies serving rural communities to carry basic medications needed for pain management and palliative care

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	1	1.0%
3. No Opinion	1	1.0%
4. Agree	13	13.3%
5. Strongly Agree	83	84.7%
	98	

Medicare should reimburse for personal geriatric case management services

1. Strongly disagree	3	2.0%
2. Disagree	5	3.3%
3. No Opinion	17	11.1%
4. Agree	54	35.3%
5. Strongly Agree	74	48.4%
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Medicare payments should reimburse physicians for counseling, care planning and shared decision-making consistent with the time and complexity of those skills and services

1. Strongly disagree	5	3.3%
2. Disagree	11	7.2%
3. No Opinion	14	9.2%
4. Agree	59	38.6%
5. Strongly Agree	64	41.8%
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Medicare and Medicaid should provide financial support for minor problems such as broken eye glasses or bus or cab transportation to the doctor.

1. Strongly disagree	11	7.2%
2. Disagree	29	19.1%
3. No Opinion	25	16.4%
4. Agree	44	28.9%
5. Strongly Agree	43	28.3%
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Offices on Aging and Senior Centers should provide or pay for:

- Community-based case management**
- Needs assessment of elders living alone**

1. Strongly disagree	7	4.5%
2. Disagree	6	3.8%
3. No Opinion	21	13.5%
4. Agree	71	45.5%
5. Strongly Agree	51	32.7%
	156	

Offices on Aging and Senior Centers should be mandated to provide volunteer programs to support frail elders in community-based settings

1. Strongly disagree	5	3.3%
2. Disagree	11	7.2%
3. No Opinion	18	11.8%
4. Agree	67	44.1%
5. Strongly Agree	51	33.6%

Improve community-based transportation for frail elders and physically challenged to promote independence

1. Strongly disagree	3	1.9%
2. Disagree	1	0.6%
3. No Opinion	2	1.3%
4. Agree	50	32.5%
5. Strongly Agree	98	63.6%

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Support through tax credits and subsidies remodeling of individuals' homes to make them wheelchair and handicap accessible

1. Strongly disagree	2	2.0%
2. Disagree	5	4.9%
3. No Opinion	13	12.7%
4. Agree	36	35.3%
5. Strongly Agree	46	45.1%

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Encourage development of peer support programs for seniors

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	1	1.0%
3. No Opinion	8	7.9%
4. Agree	38	37.6%
5. Strongly Agree	54	53.5%

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Encourage collaboration between mental health and public health programs to meet needs of frail elders

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
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2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	3	2.9%
4. Agree	30	29.1%
5. Strongly Agree	70	68.0%
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Develop or expand assisted housing alternatives for elders unable to live independently but not needing skilled nursing care

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	1	1.0%
3. No Opinion	4	3.9%
4. Agree	21	20.6%
5. Strongly Agree	76	74.5%
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Require basic medical and nursing education regarding:

- Decision-making
- Pain & symptom mgmt
- Patient-centered care
- Nursing home care

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	5	3.2%
4. Agree	31	20.0%
5. Strongly Agree	119	76.8%
	155	

Require medicine and nursing schools to teach knowledge, attitudes and skills regarding addiction prevention and treatment

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	6	6.1%

3. No Opinion	5	5.1%
4. Agree	28	28.3%
5. Strongly Agree	60	60.6%
	99	

Require medicine and nursing schools to teach knowledge, attitudes and skills regarding indications and use of complementary therapy

1. Strongly disagree	1	1.0%
2. Disagree	3	3.0%
3. No Opinion	9	9.0%
4. Agree	37	37.0%
5. Strongly Agree	50	50.0%
	100	

Require faculty of medicine and nursing schools to have knowledge and skill in geriatrics, palliative and end-of-life care.

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.6%
2. Disagree	1	0.6%
3. No Opinion	3	1.9%
4. Agree	18	11.3%
5. Strongly Agree	136	85.5%
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Medicare should require fellowship training in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, to include core content in geriatrics and palliative care

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.7%
2. Disagree	2	1.3%
3. No Opinion	4	2.6%

4. Agree	33	21.6%
5. Strongly Agree	113	73.9%
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Specialty certification exams should test for mastery of basic knowledge, attitudes and skills in geriatrics and palliative care

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	5	3.2%
4. Agree	44	28.4%
5. Strongly Agree	106	68.4%
	155	

Set and enforce minimum staffing requirements for nurses and aides in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities

1. Strongly disagree	2	1.3%
2. Disagree	4	2.6%
3. No Opinion	4	2.6%
4. Agree	34	21.8%
5. Strongly Agree	112	71.8%
	156	

Increase the ration of nurses to residents in long-term care

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	6	6.1%
4. Agree	30	30.6%
5. Strongly Agree	62	63.3%
	98	

Require a “living wage,” including health care coverage, for nurses aides

1. Strongly disagree	2	1.3%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	6	3.9%
4. Agree	29	19.0%
5. Strongly Agree	116	75.8%
	153	

Foster expansion and implementation of Eden and Greenhouse models of long-term care facilities

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	4	2.6%
3. No Opinion	23	15.1%
4. Agree	42	27.6%
5. Strongly Agree	83	54.6%
	152	

Encourage and support intergenerational programs with funding, revision of regulations and education

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.6%
2. Disagree	3	1.9%
3. No Opinion	18	11.5%
4. Agree	66	42.3%
5. Strongly Agree	68	43.6%
	156	

Expand access to hospice under Medicare for life-threatening conditions, remove current restrictions of:

- 6 month life-expectancy
- Requirement to give up treatments directed at the disease and living longer

1. Strongly disagree	2	1.3%
2. Disagree	6	3.9%

3. No Opinion	11	7.2%
4. Agree	28	18.3%
5. Strongly Agree	106	69.3%
	153	

Mandate coverage for hospice and palliative care through all private insurers, state Medicaid, and state employee-based coverage

1. Strongly disagree	3	1.9%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	5	3.2%
4. Agree	27	17.4%
5. Strongly Agree	120	77.4%
	155	

Make available financial support for practicing health care professionals to further education and training in palliative care

1. Strongly disagree	1	1.0%
2. Disagree	4	4.1%
3. No Opinion	3	3.1%
4. Agree	22	22.4%
5. Strongly Agree	68	69.4%
	98	

Publicly report the percent of deaths in hospitals and nursing homes in which (a) hospice and (b) other form of palliative care were involved

1. Strongly disagree	6	3.9%
2. Disagree	3	1.9%
3. No Opinion	26	16.8%
4. Agree	49	31.6%
5. Strongly Agree	71	45.8%

As a condition for license, accreditation, and governmental payment, palliative care should be available in all health care settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and at home (through hospice care).

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.6%
2. Disagree	5	3.2%
3. No Opinion	6	3.9%
4. Agree	25	16.1%
5. Strongly Agree	115	74.2%
	155	

Make it a requirement of accreditation and government subsidies of schools for mandatory coursework and clinical rotations in pain management for medical and nursing students

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.7%
2. Disagree	3	2.0%
3. No Opinion	9	6.0%
4. Agree	31	20.5%
5. Strongly Agree	107	70.9%
	151	

State Medical Boards should require physicians to pass tests of basic knowledge and skills in pain management as a condition for receiving (or renewing) a license to practice.

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.6%
2. Disagree	5	3.2%
3. No Opinion	6	3.9%
4. Agree	20	13.0%
5. Strongly Agree	122	79.2%
	154	

The DEA should require physicians to pass tests of basic knowledge and skills in pain management as a condition for receiving (or renewing) a license to prescribe medications.

1. Strongly disagree	5	3.2%
2. Disagree	6	3.9%
3. No Opinion	9	5.8%
4. Agree	23	14.8%
5. Strongly Agree	112	72.3%
	155	

DEA should establish a national pharmacy hotline to give pharmacists assistance with regulations regarding the use of controlled substances in pain management, palliative and end-of-life care.

1. Strongly disagree	7	4.5%
2. Disagree	4	2.6%

3. No Opinion	9	5.8%
4. Agree	31	20.1%
5. Strongly Agree	103	66.9%
	154	

Require the National Institutes of Health to spend at least 1% of annual appropriations on pain management and palliative care.

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.7%
2. Disagree	3	2.0%
3. No Opinion	17	11.1%
4. Agree	37	24.2%
5. Strongly Agree	95	62.1%
	153	

Standards for pain management and palliative care a requirement for health care institutions to receive Medicare payments.

1. Strongly disagree	5	3.3%
2. Disagree	6	3.9%
3. No Opinion	8	5.3%
4. Agree	33	21.7%
5. Strongly Agree	100	65.8%
	152	

Require hospitals and nursing homes to publicly report average patient ratings for pain and satisfaction with pain treatment

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.6%
2. Disagree	13	8.6%
3. No Opinion	21	13.8%
4. Agree	51	33.6%

5. Strongly Agree	63	41.4%
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Require the DEA (and related agencies) to work with pain specialists and professionals to encourage effective pain prescribing while preventing diversion and falsification of prescriptions

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.6%
2. Disagree	0	0.0%
3. No Opinion	18	11.9%
4. Agree	42	27.8%
5. Strongly Agree	87	57.6%

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Revise or revoke federal and state regulations that are barriers to effective pain prescribing

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	3	2.0%
3. No Opinion	6	3.9%
4. Agree	40	26.3%
5. Strongly Agree	103	67.8%

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Require AHRQ* to establish measurement instruments, benchmarks, guidelines for health services delivery of pain management and palliative care

1. Strongly disagree	8	5.2%
2. Disagree	4	2.6%
3. No Opinion	15	9.8%
4. Agree	51	33.3%
5. Strongly Agree	75	49.0%

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Require CDC to study and monitor health aspects of pain management as a public health concern

1. Strongly disagree	2	2.1%
2. Disagree	4	4.1%
3. No Opinion	8	8.2%
4. Agree	26	26.8%
5. Strongly Agree	57	58.8%

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Provide Medicare coverage to uninsured caregiving relatives (spouse, sibling or adult child) of seriously ill patients who are Medicare recipients

1. Strongly disagree	10	6.8%
2. Disagree	23	15.5%
3. No Opinion	25	16.9%
4. Agree	31	20.9%
5. Strongly Agree	59	39.9%

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Provide Medicare and insurance coverage to support hired aides to enable respite care in a person's or family's home

1. Strongly disagree	2	2.1%
2. Disagree	8	8.2%
3. No Opinion	6	6.2%
4. Agree	24	24.7%
5. Strongly Agree	57	58.8%

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Require Medicare and private insurers to provide coverage for bereavement counseling

1. Strongly disagree	4	4.1%
2. Disagree	18	18.4%
3. No Opinion	9	9.2%
4. Agree	33	33.7%
5. Strongly Agree	34	34.7%
	98	

Expand family leave for caregiving

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.6%
2. Disagree	7	4.5%
3. No Opinion	9	5.8%
4. Agree	38	24.4%
5. Strongly Agree	98	62.8%
	156	

Extend Medicare coverage to individuals who lost employer-based health insurance due to caregiving responsibilities.

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.6%
2. Disagree	11	7.1%
3. No Opinion	18	11.7%
4. Agree	47	30.5%
5. Strongly Agree	77	50.0%
	154	

Expand respite care for frail elders or physically ill for up to two weeks in assisted living or nursing home

1. Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
2. Disagree	6	3.9%
3. No Opinion	11	7.2%
4. Agree	45	29.4%

5. Strongly Agree	91	59.5%
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Bereavement support to spouse and family through health care system and aging services

1. Strongly disagree	4	2.7%
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2. Disagree	3	2.0%
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3. No Opinion	23	15.3%
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4. Agree	41	27.3%
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5. Strongly Agree	79	52.7%
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Waive Social Security tax for any period in which an employee is the daily, primary caregiver for a spouse, parent, or child with life-threatening disease or frailty of age

1. Strongly disagree	10	6.5%
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2. Disagree	28	18.3%
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3. No Opinion	30	19.6%
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4. Agree	28	18.3%
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5. Strongly Agree	57	37.3%
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Allow a 50% tax credit for eldercare expenses over \$1,000

1. Strongly disagree	1	0.7%
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2. Disagree	7	5.0%
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3. No Opinion	23	16.3%
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4. Agree	42	29.8%
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5. Strongly Agree	68	48.2%
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Provide tax deduction for long-term care insurance premiums

1. Strongly disagree	2	1.3%
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2. Disagree	5	3.3%
3. No Opinion	15	9.9%
4. Agree	49	32.5%
5. Strongly Agree	80	53.0%
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