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Christmas Toy Drive

Gonzales Research has joined forces with Amigos of Baltimore County on a Toy Drive for the immigrant community for this upcoming Christmas.

We are asking for your support!



We are collecting the following items:

- Toys for the children from infant through 10 years old.
- Pampers – all sizes
- Candy
- Zip lock bags
- Formula
- Crayons
- Coloring Books

If you are able to let us drop a box at a business or an office location please let us know. We are also asking for donations, you can directly make donations by going to our website at: <https://www.amigosbaltimorecounty.org>

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Background and Methodology

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Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, he and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

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This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from October 19th through October 24th, 2020. A total of 820 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated that they are likely to vote in the 2020 general election, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline (38%) and cell phone (62%) numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

Gonzales Poll – October 2020 Results

Medical Debt

Among Maryland voters, 12% indicate that they or someone in their household have medical bills or debt that they are unable to repay in the next 12 months.

A profile of Marylanders with medical bills and debt they are unable to repay:

Unable to repay Medical Debt	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Democrat	15%	85%
Republican	7%	93%
Unaffiliated	11%	89%
African American	21%	79%
White	7%	93%
Women	13%	87%
Men	11%	89%
18 to 39 yrs. old	13%	87%
40 to 49 yrs. old	14%	86%
50 to 59 yrs. old	13%	86%
60 and older	9%	91%
Baltimore Metro	14%	86%
Washington Metro	11%	89%
Rural Maryland	9%	90%

Source of Medical Debt

Among those with medical bills and debt they are unable to pay, 58% say the debt derived from an outpatient visit, 14% say the bills resulted from a hospital stay, 25% say both outpatient visits and hospital stays, and 3% give no response.

Medical Debt – Payment Source

We then asked respondents, “*If you had a \$500 medical debt to pay today, where would the money come from: would you pay it from funds you have, would you put it on a credit card or borrow it, or would you not pay it?*”

Statewide, 70% say the money to pay the debt would come from existing funds, 18% say from a credit card or they would borrow money, and 8% say they would not pay the debt.

Among those respondents indicating earlier that they were “unable to repay medical bills,” 47% say they would use a credit card/borrow the money, only 17% say they would use existing funds, and 34% say they could not repay it.

A profile of payment sources for Marylanders with medical bills:

Pay \$500 in Medical Bills	<u>Existing Funds</u>	<u>Credit Card</u>	<u>Not Pay</u>
Democrat	66%	20%	10%
Republican	77%	15%	5%
Unaffiliated	72%	17%	9%
African American	53%	28%	17%
White	79%	13%	5%
Women	69%	19%	9%
Men	72%	17%	8%
18 to 39 yrs. old	74%	16%	5%
40 to 49 yrs. old	66%	21%	10%
50 to 59 yrs. old	69%	18%	9%
60 and older	72%	17%	9%
Baltimore Metro	67%	19%	10%
Washington Metro	68%	22%	7%
Rural Maryland	80%	11%	7%

Surprise Medical Billing – Level of Concern

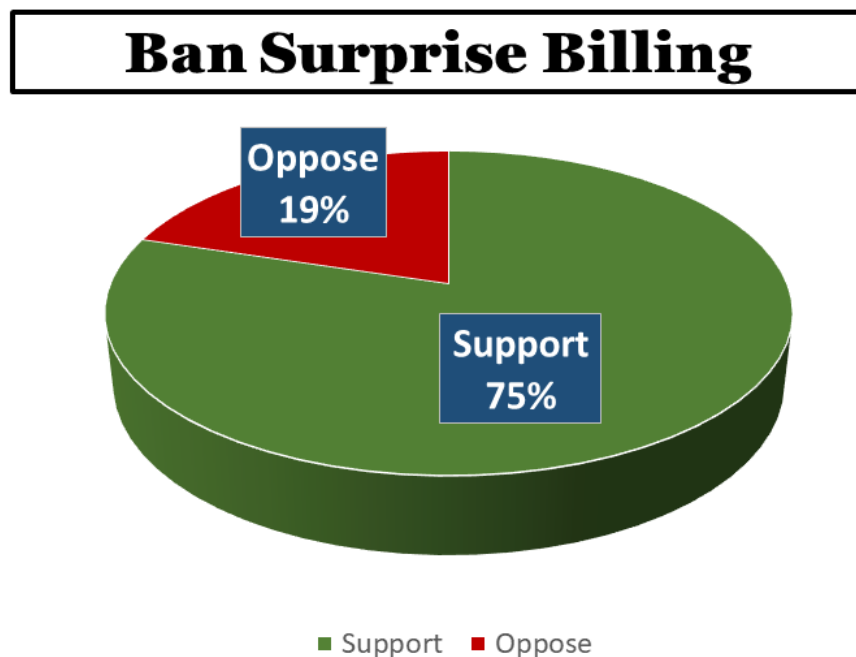
Among Marylanders, 35% are worried (12% “very worried and 23% “somewhat worried”) that they, over the next 12 months, will receive a surprise medical bill - that is, a bill for services from a doctor that wasn’t included in their health insurance plan, while 65% are not worried about getting a surprise bill.

Within the group “unable to repay medical bills,” 80% are worried (36% “very worried and 44% “somewhat worried”) that they will receive a surprise medical bill over the next 12 months.

Legislation to Ban Surprise Medical Billing

Seventy-five percent of voters would support a law to ban surprise billing, 19% are opposed to such legislation, with 6% offering no opinion.

By party, 76% of Democrats, 70% of Republicans, and 81% of independents support a law to ban surprise medical billing.



Delayed/Avoided Medical Care in Past Year

Seventeen percent of Free State respondents say that they, over the past year, have delayed or avoided medical care because of concerns about the costs, while 83% say they have not.

Among those “unable to pay medical bills”, however, 53% say they have delayed care over a concern of the costs.

A profile of Marylanders who have delayed medical care because of cost concerns:

Delayed/Avoided Care	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Democrat	18%	82%
Republican	14%	86%
Unaffiliated	19%	80%
African American	24%	75%
White	12%	87%
Women	18%	82%
Men	16%	84%
18 to 39 yrs. old	12%	87%
40 to 49 yrs. old	22%	78%
50 to 59 yrs. old	17%	83%
60 and older	16%	84%
Baltimore Metro	19%	81%
Washington Metro	17%	82%
Rural Maryland	11%	89%

Aware Hospitals Provide Free Care For Low-Income Patients

Overall, 29% of respondents say they were not aware that hospitals provide free care and reduced-cost care for low-income patients, while 70% say they were aware of this.

Fifty percent of African Americans responded that they were **not** aware that hospitals provide free care and reduced-cost care for low-income patients.

Aware Hospitals Sue To Collect Debt

Fifty-seven percent say they knew that many hospitals sue their former patients to collect debt that is less than \$5,000, while 43% did not know this.

A profile of those aware hospitals sue for debt:

Aware Hospitals Sue Patients	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Democrat	53%	47%
Republican	64%	36%
Unaffiliated	60%	40%
African American	47%	53%
White	64%	36%
Women	53%	47%
Men	63%	37%
18 to 39 yrs. old	60%	40%
40 to 49 yrs. old	55%	45%
50 to 59 yrs. old	58%	42%
60 and older	57%	43%
Baltimore Metro	62%	38%
Washington Metro	49%	51%
Rural Maryland	61%	39%

Zero Out Bank Accounts To Collect Debt

Among Marylanders, 92% say that hospitals should **not** be able to zero out a patient's bank account to collect a debt, while only 7% believe that it is okay for hospitals to recover debt in this manner.

Huge majority of residents across the board do not believe zeroing out one's bank account to collect a debt for medical bills is appropriate.

Property Lien To Collect Debt

Eighty-eight percent of Free State voters do **not** believe it is acceptable for hospitals to put a lien on personal property such as a car or home to collect a debt for medical bills.

A profile:

OK To Put a Lien on Property	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Democrat	7%	90%
Republican	15%	83%
Unaffiliated	6%	89%
African American	2%	95%
White	12%	85%
Women	9%	88%
Men	10%	87%
18 to 39 yrs. old	7%	89%
40 to 49 yrs. old	9%	89%
50 to 59 yrs. old	9%	90%
60 and older	12%	84%
Baltimore Metro	8%	88%
Washington Metro	9%	89%
Rural Maryland	12%	85%

Garnish Wages To Collect Debt

Further, 79% say that hospitals should **not** be able to garnish a person's wages to collect a debt for medically necessary care, while only 19% of Marylanders believe that it is okay for hospitals to recover a debt from patients by seizing their income.

By party, 83% of Democrats, 70% of Republicans, and 81% of independents say garnishing wages to collect a medical debt is unreasonable.

By race, 91% of African Americans and 74% of whites express the opinion that it is unacceptable for hospitals to collect a medical debt by snatching the income of their former patients.

Legislation To Prohibit Zero Out Bank Accounts

Sixty-seven percent of Maryland voters would support legislation to prohibit hospitals from zeroing out a bank account to collect a medical debt, while 31% would oppose such legislation.

A profile of voters on legislation to prohibit hospitals from zeroing out a bank account to collect a medical debt:

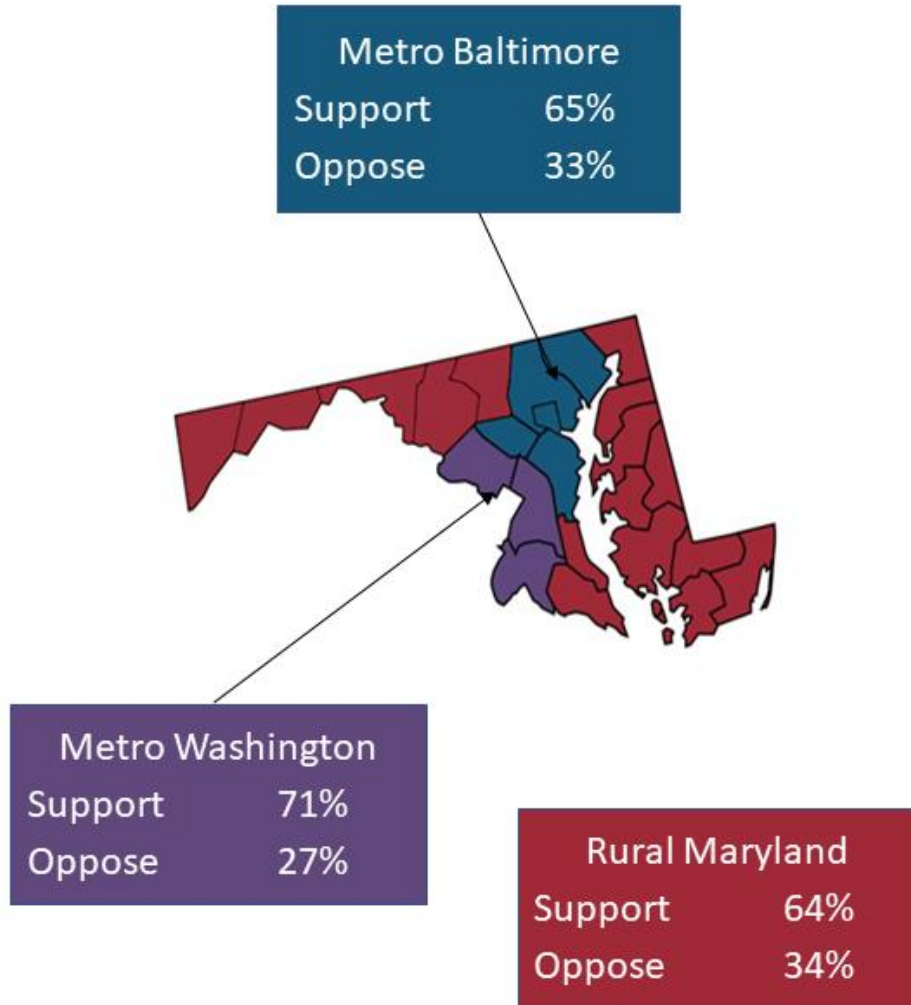
Prohibit Zeroing Out Account	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Democrat	77%	21%
Republican	46%	52%
Unaffiliated	71%	26%
African American	73%	25%
White	65%	34%
Women	69%	31%
Men	65%	32%
18 to 39 yrs. old	76%	22%
40 to 49 yrs. old	68%	32%
50 to 59 yrs. old	66%	32%
60 and older	62%	37%
Baltimore Metro	65%	33%
Washington Metro	71%	27%
Rural Maryland	64%	34%

Legislation To Prohibit Placing Property Lien

Fifty-nine percent of respondents would support legislation to prohibit hospitals from putting a lien on one's car or home to collect a medical debt, while 39% would oppose legislation to prohibit hospitals from putting a lien on personal property to recover a medical debt.

By race, 64% of African Americans and 57% of white voters would support legislation prohibiting hospitals from putting a lien on one's car or home to collect a bill.

Legislation to Prohibit Zeroing Out by Region



Debt Ceiling

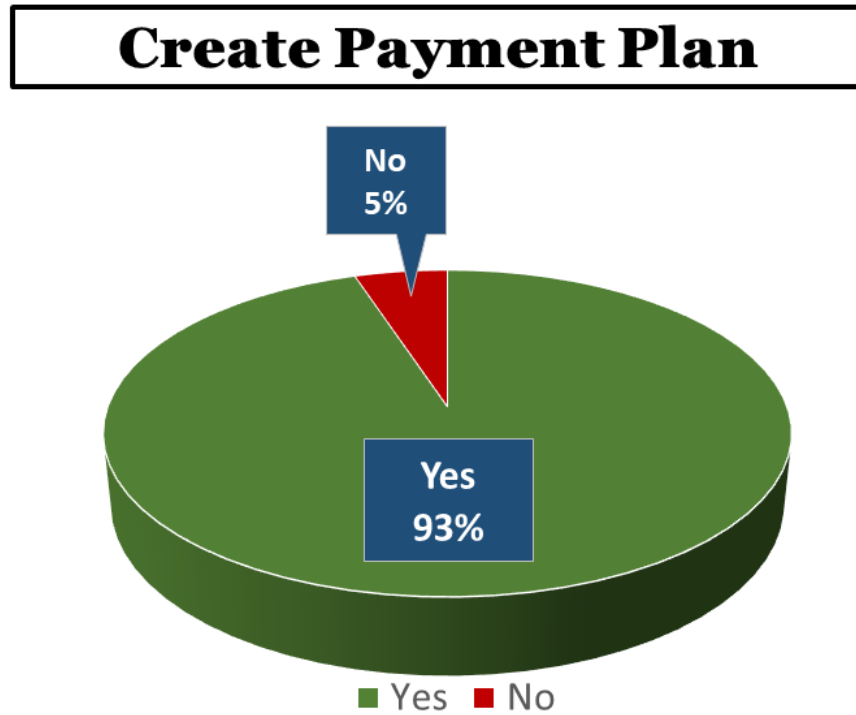
We asked respondents whether they would support or oppose prohibiting hospitals from suing former patients for debts ranging from five thousand dollars down to \$250. The results:

Proscribe Hospitals From Suing Patients

Debt Amount	Support	Oppose
\$5,000	61%	34%
\$2,500	63%	33%
\$1,000	64%	32%
\$500	65%	31%
\$250	65%	30%

Create Payment Plan

An overwhelming 93% of Maryland voters think that before a hospital can file a lawsuit or send a debt to collection, the hospital should be required to create a payment plan based on income for former patients to pay off the debt.



Appendix A: Data Tables

QUESTION: Medical Bills/Debt *Do you or someone in your household currently have medical bills or debt that you are unable to repay in the next 12 months?*

<u>UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	97	11.8 %
No	720	87.8 %
No answer	3	0.4 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY

Democrat	64 14.8%	366 84.5%	3 0.7%
Republican	18 7.3%	229 92.7%	0 0.0%
Unaffiliated	15 10.7%	125 89.3%	0 0.0%

N=820

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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RACE

African American	47 21.3%	173 78.3%	1 0.5%
White	39 7.2%	500 92.6%	1 0.2%
Other/ Refused	11 18.6%	47 79.7%	1 1.7%

N=820	UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	56 12.9%	376 86.4%	3 0.7%
Male	41 10.6%	344 89.4%	0 0.0%

N=820	UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	21 12.5%	146 86.9%	1 0.6%
40 to 49	26 14.0%	160 86.0%	0 0.0%
50 to 59	28 13.4%	180 86.1%	1 0.5%
60 and older	22 8.6%	234 91.1%	1 0.4%

N=820	UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS		
	Yes	No	No answer

REGION

Baltimore Metro	51 14.4%	304 85.6%	0 0.0%
Washington Metro	29 10.4%	249 88.9%	2 0.7%
Rural Maryland	17 9.2%	167 90.3%	1 0.5%

QUESTION: Medical Bills/Debt - Source *Are your medical bills from an outpatient visit or from a hospital stay?*

<u>MEDICAL BILL SOURCE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Outpatient visit	56	57.7 %
Hospital stay	14	14.4 %
Both	24	24.7 %
Other	0	0.0 %
No answer	3	3.1 %
Total	97	100.0 %

N=820

	<u>MEDICAL BILL SOURCE</u>			
	<u>Outpatient visit</u>	<u>Hospital stay</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY</u>				
Democrat	38 59.4%	10 15.6%	15 23.4%	1 1.6%
Republican	9 50.0%	2 11.1%	6 33.3%	1 5.6%
Unaffiliated	9 60.0%	2 13.3%	3 20.0%	1 6.7%

N=820

	<u>MEDICAL BILL SOURCE</u>			
	<u>Outpatient visit</u>	<u>Hospital stay</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>RACE</u>				
African American	31 66.0%	6 12.8%	9 19.1%	1 2.1%
White	18 46.2%	6 15.4%	13 33.3%	2 5.1%
Other/ Refused	7 63.6%	2 18.2%	2 18.2%	0 0.0%

N=820

	MEDICAL BILL SOURCE			
	Outpatient visit	Hospital stay	Both	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>				
Female	34 60.7%	7 12.5%	15 26.8%	0 0.0%
Male	22 53.7%	7 17.1%	9 22.0%	3 7.3%

N=820

	MEDICAL BILL SOURCE			
	Outpatient visit	Hospital stay	Both	No answer
<u>AGE</u>				
18 to 39	7 33.3%	5 23.8%	8 38.1%	1 4.8%
40 to 49	13 50.0%	4 15.4%	7 26.9%	2 7.7%
50 to 59	20 71.4%	2 7.1%	6 21.4%	0 0.0%
60 and older	16 72.7%	3 13.6%	3 13.6%	0 0.0%

N=820

	MEDICAL BILL SOURCE			
	Outpatient visit	Hospital stay	Both	No answer
<u>REGION</u>				
Baltimore Metro	34 66.7%	6 11.8%	11 21.6%	0 0.0%
Washington Metro	13 44.8%	5 17.2%	10 34.5%	1 3.4%
Rural Maryland	9 52.9%	3 17.6%	3 17.6%	2 11.8%

QUESTION: \$500 Medical Debt – Payment Source *If you had a \$500 medical debt to pay today, where would the money come from: would you pay it from funds you have, would you put it on a credit card or borrow it, or would you not pay it?*

<u>PAY MEDICAL BILLS</u>	Number	Percent
Existing funds	576	70.2 %
Credit card/borrow	147	17.9 %
Not pay	68	8.3 %
<u>No answer</u>	29	3.5 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

PAY MEDICAL BILLS

	Existing funds	Credit card/ borrow	Not pay	No answer
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UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	17 17.5%	46 47.4%	33 34.0%	1 1.0%
No	556 77.2%	101 14.0%	35 4.9%	28 3.9%
No answer	3 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

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PAY MEDICAL BILLS

	Existing funds	Credit card/ borrow	Not pay	No answer
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PARTY

Democrat	285 65.8%	87 20.1%	44 10.2%	17 3.9%
Republican	190 76.9%	36 14.6%	11 4.5%	10 4.0%
Unaffiliated	101 72.1%	24 17.1%	13 9.3%	2 1.4%

N=820

	PAY MEDICAL BILLS			
	Existing funds	Credit card/ borrow	Not pay	No answer
<u>RACE</u>				
African American	118 53.4%	61 27.6%	37 16.7%	5 2.3%
White	425 78.7%	68 12.6%	25 4.6%	22 4.1%
Other/ Refused	33 55.9%	18 30.5%	6 10.2%	2 3.4%

N=820

	PAY MEDICAL BILLS			
	Existing funds	Credit card/ borrow	Not pay	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>				
Female	300 69.0%	82 18.9%	38 8.7%	15 3.4%
Male	276 71.7%	65 16.9%	30 7.8%	14 3.6%

N=820

	PAY MEDICAL BILLS			
	Existing funds	Credit card/ borrow	Not pay	No answer
<u>AGE</u>				
18 to 39	124 73.8%	27 16.1%	9 5.4%	8 4.8%
40 to 49	123 66.1%	39 21.0%	18 9.7%	6 3.2%
50 to 59	145 69.4%	38 18.2%	19 9.1%	7 3.3%
60 and older	184 71.6%	43 16.7%	22 8.6%	8 3.1%

N=820

PAY MEDICAL BILLS

	Existing funds	Credit card/ borrow	Not pay	No answer
<u>REGION</u>				
Baltimore Metro	238 67.0%	66 18.6%	35 9.9%	16 4.5%
Washington Metro	190 67.9%	61 21.8%	20 7.1%	9 3.2%
Rural Maryland	148 80.0%	20 10.8%	13 7.0%	4 2.2%

QUESTION: Surprise Billing – Level of Concern *Over the next 12 months, how worried are you about receiving a surprise medical bill; that is, a doctor providing you services without your knowledge the services weren't covered by insurance: very worried, somewhat worried, or not worried?*

<u>SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING - LEVEL OF CONCERN</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Very Worried	97	11.8 %
Somewhat Worried	191	23.3 %
Not Worried	531	64.8 %
No answer	1	0.1 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	<u>Very Worried</u>	<u>Somewhat Worried</u>	<u>Not Worried</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	35 36.1%	43 44.3%	19 19.6%	0 0.0%
No	61 8.5%	147 20.4%	511 71.0%	1 0.1%
No answer	1 33.3%	1 33.3%	1 33.3%	0 0.0%

N=820

SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	<u>Very Worried</u>	<u>Somewhat Worried</u>	<u>Not Worried</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY

Democrat	50 11.5%	103 23.8%	280 64.7%	0 0.0%
Republican	31 12.6%	52 21.1%	164 66.4%	0 0.0%
Unaffiliated	16 11.4%	36 25.7%	87 62.1%	1 0.7%

N=820

	SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING - LEVEL OF CONCERN			
	Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not Worried	No answer
<u>RACE</u>				
African American	30 13.6%	52 23.5%	139 62.9%	0 0.0%
White	56 10.4%	127 23.5%	356 65.9%	1 0.2%
Other/ Refused	11 18.6%	12 20.3%	36 61.0%	0 0.0%

N=820

	SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING - LEVEL OF CONCERN			
	Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not Worried	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>				
Female	53 12.2%	102 23.4%	279 64.1%	1 0.2%
Male	44 11.4%	89 23.1%	252 65.5%	0 0.0%

N=820

	SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING - LEVEL OF CONCERN			
	Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not Worried	No answer
<u>AGE</u>				
18 to 39	14 8.3%	43 25.6%	110 65.5%	1 0.6%
40 to 49	16 8.6%	41 22.0%	129 69.4%	0 0.0%
50 to 59	29 13.9%	48 23.0%	132 63.2%	0 0.0%
60 and older	38 14.8%	59 23.0%	160 62.3%	0 0.0%

N=820

SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not Worried	No answer
<u>REGION</u>				
Baltimore Metro	40 11.3%	92 25.9%	223 62.8%	0 0.0%
Washington Metro	32 11.4%	52 18.6%	195 69.6%	1 0.4%
Rural Maryland	25 13.5%	47 25.4%	113 61.1%	0 0.0%

QUESTION: Ban Surprise Billing *Would you support or oppose legislation to ban surprise billing?*

BAN SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING	Number	Percent
Support	615	75.0 %
Oppose	153	18.7 %
No answer	52	6.3 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

BAN SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING		
Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY

Democrat	329 76.0%	64 14.8%	40 9.2%
Republican	172 69.6%	69 27.9%	6 2.4%
Unaffiliated	114 81.4%	20 14.3%	6 4.3%

N=820

BAN SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING		
Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE

African American	174 78.7%	35 15.8%	12 5.4%
White	396 73.3%	108 20.0%	36 6.7%
Other/ Refused	45 76.3%	10 16.9%	4 6.8%

N=820	BAN SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	319 73.3%	82 18.9%	34 7.8%
Male	296 76.9%	71 18.4%	18 4.7%

N=820	BAN SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	124 73.8%	32 19.0%	12 7.1%
40 to 49	128 68.8%	44 23.7%	14 7.5%
50 to 59	170 81.3%	30 14.4%	9 4.3%
60 and older	193 75.1%	47 18.3%	17 6.6%

N=820	BAN SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	265 74.6%	67 18.9%	23 6.5%
Washington Metro	219 78.2%	41 14.6%	20 7.1%
Rural Maryland	131 70.8%	45 24.3%	9 4.9%

QUESTION: Delayed/Avoided Medical Care *In the last year, have you delayed or avoided medical care because of concerns about the costs, or not?*

<u>AVOIDED MEDICAL CARE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	138	16.8 %
No	680	82.9 %
<u>No answer</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.2 %</u>
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	<u>AVOIDED MEDICAL CARE</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	51 52.6%	46 47.4%	0 0.0%
No	87 12.1%	631 87.6%	2 0.3%
No answer	0 0.0%	3 100.0%	0 0.0%

N=820

	<u>AVOIDED MEDICAL CARE</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	76 17.6%	356 82.2%	1 0.2%
Republican	35 14.2%	212 85.8%	0 0.0%
Unaffiliated	27 19.3%	112 80.0%	1 0.7%

N=820	AVOIDED MEDICAL CARE		
	Yes	No	No answer

RACE

African American	54 24.4%	166 75.1%	1 0.5%
White	67 12.4%	472 87.4%	1 0.2%
Other/ Refused	17 28.8%	42 71.2%	0 0.0%

N=820	AVOIDED MEDICAL CARE		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	76 17.5%	358 82.3%	1 0.2%
Male	62 16.1%	322 83.6%	1 0.3%

N=820	AVOIDED MEDICAL CARE		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	20 11.9%	147 87.5%	1 0.6%
40 to 49	41 22.0%	145 78.0%	0 0.0%
50 to 59	35 16.7%	173 82.8%	1 0.5%
60 and older	42 16.3%	215 83.7%	0 0.0%

N=820

	AVOIDED MEDICAL CARE		
	Yes	No	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	69 19.4%	286 80.6%	0 0.0%
Washington Metro	48 17.1%	230 82.1%	2 0.7%
Rural Maryland	21 11.4%	164 88.6%	0 0.0%

QUESTION: Aware of Free Care *Were you aware that hospitals provide free and reduced care for low-income patients, or not?*

<u>AWARE OF FREE CARE</u>	Number	Percent
Yes	577	70.4 %
No	240	29.3 %
<u>No answer</u>	3	0.4 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820	<u>AWARE OF FREE CARE</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	58 59.8%	38 39.2%	1 1.0%
No	518 71.9%	200 27.8%	2 0.3%
No answer	1 33.3%	2 66.7%	0 0.0%

N=820	<u>AWARE OF FREE CARE</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

PARTY

Democrat	268 61.9%	164 37.9%	1 0.2%
Republican	207 83.8%	39 15.8%	1 0.4%
Unaffiliated	102 72.9%	37 26.4%	1 0.7%

N=820	AWARE OF FREE CARE		
	Yes	No	No answer

RACE

African American	109 49.3%	111 50.2%	1 0.5%
White	424 78.5%	114 21.1%	2 0.4%
Other/ Refused	44 74.6%	15 25.4%	0 0.0%

N=820	AWARE OF FREE CARE		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	301 69.2%	132 30.3%	2 0.5%
Male	276 71.7%	108 28.1%	1 0.3%

N=820	AWARE OF FREE CARE		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	112 66.7%	55 32.7%	1 0.6%
40 to 49	140 75.3%	46 24.7%	0 0.0%
50 to 59	141 67.5%	68 32.5%	0 0.0%
60 and older	184 71.6%	71 27.6%	2 0.8%

N=820

AWARE OF FREE CARE

	Yes	No	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	246 69.3%	108 30.4%	1 0.3%
Washington Metro	188 67.1%	91 32.5%	1 0.4%
Rural Maryland	143 77.3%	41 22.2%	1 0.5%

QUESTION: Aware Hospitals Sue *Did you know that many hospitals sue their former patients to collect hospital debt that is less than five thousand dollars, or not?*

<u>AWARE HOSPITALS SUE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	471	57.4 %
No	349	42.6 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	<u>AWARE HOSPITALS SUE</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>

PARTY

Democrat	228 52.7%	205 47.3%
Republican	159 64.4%	88 35.6%
Unaffiliated	84 60.0%	56 40.0%

N=820

	<u>AWARE HOSPITALS SUE</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>

RACE

African American	103 46.6%	118 53.4%
White	345 63.9%	195 36.1%
Other/ Refused	23 39.0%	36 61.0%

N=820	AWARE HOSPITALS SUE	
	Yes	No

GENDER

Female	230 52.9%	205 47.1%
Male	241 62.6%	144 37.4%

N=820	AWARE HOSPITALS SUE	
	Yes	No

AGE

18 to 39	100 59.5%	68 40.5%
40 to 49	102 54.8%	84 45.2%
50 to 59	122 58.4%	87 41.6%
60 and older	147 57.2%	110 42.8%

N=820	AWARE HOSPITALS SUE	
	Yes	No

REGION

Baltimore Metro	221 62.3%	134 37.7%
Washington Metro	137 48.9%	143 51.1%
Rural Maryland	113 61.1%	72 38.9%

QUESTION: Zero Out Bank Account *Do you believe hospitals should be able to zero out a person’s bank account to collect a debt for medically necessary care, or not?*

<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ZERO OUT</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	57	7.0 %
No	754	92.0 %
No answer	9	1.1 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ZERO OUT</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	0 0.0%	97 100.0%	0 0.0%
No	57 7.9%	654 90.8%	9 1.3%
No answer	0 0.0%	3 100.0%	0 0.0%

N=820

	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ZERO OUT</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	21 4.8%	407 94.0%	5 1.2%
Republican	28 11.3%	218 88.3%	1 0.4%
Unaffiliated	8 5.7%	129 92.1%	3 2.1%

N=820	HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ZERO OUT		
	Yes	No	No answer

RACE

African American	6 2.7%	212 95.9%	3 1.4%
White	40 7.4%	496 91.9%	4 0.7%
Other/ Refused	11 18.6%	46 78.0%	2 3.4%

N=820	HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ZERO OUT		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	31 7.1%	402 92.4%	2 0.5%
Male	26 6.8%	352 91.4%	7 1.8%

N=820	HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ZERO OUT		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	7 4.2%	158 94.0%	3 1.8%
40 to 49	16 8.6%	170 91.4%	0 0.0%
50 to 59	11 5.3%	196 93.8%	2 1.0%
60 and older	23 8.9%	230 89.5%	4 1.6%

N=820

HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ZERO OUT

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	20 5.6%	330 93.0%	5 1.4%
Washington Metro	18 6.4%	260 92.9%	2 0.7%
Rural Maryland	19 10.3%	164 88.6%	2 1.1%

QUESTION: Place Property Lien *Do you believe hospitals should be able to put a lien on your car, home, or other property to collect a debt for medically necessary care, or not?*

<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLACE LIEN</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	77	9.4 %
No	719	87.7 %
No answer	24	2.9 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLACE LIEN</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	0 0.0%	97 100.0%	0 0.0%
No	77 10.7%	619 86.0%	24 3.3%
No answer	0 0.0%	3 100.0%	0 0.0%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLACE LIEN</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	31 7.2%	391 90.3%	11 2.5%
Republican	38 15.4%	204 82.6%	5 2.0%
Unaffiliated	8 5.7%	124 88.6%	8 5.7%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLACE LIEN</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

RACE

African American	4 1.8%	210 95.0%	7 3.2%
White	67 12.4%	459 85.0%	14 2.6%
Other/ Refused	6 10.2%	50 84.7%	3 5.1%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLACE LIEN</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	39 9.0%	383 88.0%	13 3.0%
Male	38 9.9%	336 87.3%	11 2.9%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLACE LIEN</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	11 6.5%	150 89.3%	7 4.2%
40 to 49	17 9.1%	165 88.7%	4 2.2%
50 to 59	18 8.6%	188 90.0%	3 1.4%
60 and older	31 12.1%	216 84.0%	10 3.9%

N=820

HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLACE LIEN

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	29 8.2%	313 88.2%	13 3.7%
Washington Metro	25 8.9%	248 88.6%	7 2.5%
Rural Maryland	23 12.4%	158 85.4%	4 2.2%

QUESTION: Garnish Wages *Do you believe hospitals should be able to garnish a person’s wages to collect a debt for medically necessary care, or not?*

HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GARNISH WAGES		
	Number	Percent
Yes	154	18.8 %
No	647	78.9 %
No answer	19	2.3 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820	HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GARNISH WAGES		
	Yes	No	No answer

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	0 0.0%	97 100.0%	0 0.0%
No	154 21.4%	547 76.0%	19 2.6%
No answer	0 0.0%	3 100.0%	0 0.0%

N=820	HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GARNISH WAGES		
	Yes	No	No answer

PARTY

Democrat	62 14.3%	361 83.4%	10 2.3%
Republican	70 28.3%	172 69.6%	5 2.0%
Unaffiliated	22 15.7%	114 81.4%	4 2.9%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GARNISH WAGES</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

RACE

African American	14 6.3%	202 91.4%	5 2.3%
White	129 23.9%	398 73.7%	13 2.4%
Other/ Refused	11 18.6%	47 79.7%	1 1.7%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GARNISH WAGES</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	74 17.0%	351 80.7%	10 2.3%
Male	80 20.8%	296 76.9%	9 2.3%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GARNISH WAGES</u>		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	26 15.5%	136 81.0%	6 3.6%
40 to 49	36 19.4%	147 79.0%	3 1.6%
50 to 59	44 21.1%	162 77.5%	3 1.4%
60 and older	48 18.7%	202 78.6%	7 2.7%

N=820	<u>HOSPITALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GARNISH WAGES</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore	60	289	6
Metro	16.9%	81.4%	1.7%
Washington	49	224	7
Metro	17.5%	80.0%	2.5%
Rural	45	134	6
Maryland	24.3%	72.4%	3.2%

QUESTION: Prohibit Zeroing Out Bank Account *Would you support or oppose legislation to prohibit hospitals from zeroing out a bank account to collect hospital bills?*

<u>PROHIBIT ZEROING OUT</u>	Number	Percent
Support	549	67.0 %
Oppose	257	31.3 %
No answer	14	1.7 %
Total	820	100.0 %

PROHIBIT

N=820

<u>PROHIBIT ZEROING OUT</u>		
Support	Oppose	No answer

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	82 84.5%	15 15.5%	0 0.0%
No	464 64.4%	242 33.6%	14 1.9%
No answer	3 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

N=820

<u>PROHIBIT ZEROING OUT</u>		
Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY

Democrat	335 77.4%	92 21.2%	6 1.4%
Republican	114 46.2%	128 51.8%	5 2.0%
Unaffiliated	100 71.4%	37 26.4%	3 2.1%

N=820

	PROHIBIT ZEROING OUT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
African American	161 72.9%	56 25.3%	4 1.8%
White	351 65.0%	182 33.7%	7 1.3%
Other/ Refused	37 62.7%	19 32.2%	3 5.1%

N=820

	PROHIBIT ZEROING OUT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	298 68.5%	133 30.6%	4 0.9%
Male	251 65.2%	124 32.2%	10 2.6%

N=820

	PROHIBIT ZEROING OUT		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	127 75.6%	37 22.0%	4 2.4%
40 to 49	126 67.7%	59 31.7%	1 0.5%
50 to 59	138 66.0%	67 32.1%	4 1.9%
60 and older	158 61.5%	94 36.6%	5 1.9%

N=820

PROHIBIT ZEROING OUT

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	230 64.8%	119 33.5%	6 1.7%
Washington Metro	200 71.4%	76 27.1%	4 1.4%
Rural Maryland	119 64.3%	62 33.5%	4 2.2%

QUESTION: Prohibit Placing Property Lien *Would you support or oppose legislation to prohibit hospitals from putting a lien on your car or home to collect hospital bills?*

<u>PROHIBIT PUTTING LIEN ON PROPERTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Support	485	59.1 %
Oppose	320	39.0 %
No answer	15	1.8 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

<u>PROHIBIT PUTTING LIEN ON PROPERTY</u>		
<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

UNABLE TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS

Yes	66 68.0%	31 32.0%	0 0.0%
No	417 57.9%	288 40.0%	15 2.1%
No answer	2 66.7%	1 33.3%	0 0.0%

N=820

<u>PROHIBIT PUTTING LIEN ON PROPERTY</u>		
<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY

Democrat	305 70.4%	122 28.2%	6 1.4%
Republican	92 37.2%	150 60.7%	5 2.0%
Unaffiliated	88 62.9%	48 34.3%	4 2.9%

N=820	PROHIBIT PUTTING LIEN ON PROPERTY		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE

African American	142 64.3%	75 33.9%	4 1.8%
White	310 57.4%	222 41.1%	8 1.5%
Other/ Refused	33 55.9%	23 39.0%	3 5.1%

N=820	PROHIBIT PUTTING LIEN ON PROPERTY		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	259 59.5%	172 39.5%	4 0.9%
Male	226 58.7%	148 38.4%	11 2.9%

N=820	PROHIBIT PUTTING LIEN ON PROPERTY		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	112 66.7%	51 30.4%	5 3.0%
40 to 49	106 57.0%	80 43.0%	0 0.0%
50 to 59	125 59.8%	77 36.8%	7 3.3%
60 and older	142 55.3%	112 43.6%	3 1.2%

N=820

	PROHIBIT PUTTING LIEN ON PROPERTY		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	213 60.0%	135 38.0%	7 2.0%
Washington Metro	175 62.5%	102 36.4%	3 1.1%
Rural Maryland	97 52.4%	83 44.9%	5 2.7%

QUESTION: Suing Patients – Debt Under \$5,000 *Would you support or oppose prohibiting hospitals from suing former patients for debts under \$5,000?*

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$5,000	Number	Percent
Support	501	61.1 %
Oppose	282	34.4 %
No answer	37	4.5 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$5,000

	Support	Oppose	No answer
PARTY			
Democrat	306 70.7%	114 26.3%	13 3.0%
Republican	121 49.0%	112 45.3%	14 5.7%
Unaffiliated	74 52.9%	56 40.0%	10 7.1%

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$5,000

	Support	Oppose	No answer
RACE			
African American	145 65.6%	67 30.3%	9 4.1%
White	323 59.8%	191 35.4%	26 4.8%
Other/ Refused	33 55.9%	24 40.7%	2 3.4%

N=820

	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$5,000		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	275 63.2%	141 32.4%	19 4.4%
Male	226 58.7%	141 36.6%	18 4.7%

N=820

	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$5,000		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	111 66.1%	48 28.6%	9 5.4%
40 to 49	112 60.2%	63 33.9%	11 5.9%
50 to 59	130 62.2%	73 34.9%	6 2.9%
60 and older	148 57.6%	98 38.1%	11 4.3%

N=820

	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$5,000		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	216 60.8%	119 33.5%	20 5.6%
Washington Metro	176 62.9%	95 33.9%	9 3.2%
Rural Maryland	109 58.9%	68 36.8%	8 4.3%

QUESTION: Suing Patients – Debt Under \$2,500 *Would you support or oppose prohibiting hospitals from suing former patients for debts under \$2,500?*

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$2,500	Number	Percent
Support	516	62.9 %
Oppose	270	32.9 %
No answer	34	4.1 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$2,500

	Support	Oppose	No answer
PARTY			
Democrat	313 72.3%	108 24.9%	12 2.8%
Republican	129 52.2%	106 42.9%	12 4.9%
Unaffiliated	74 52.9%	56 40.0%	10 7.1%

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$2,500

	Support	Oppose	No answer
RACE			
African American	149 67.4%	64 29.0%	8 3.6%
White	332 61.5%	185 34.3%	23 4.3%
Other/ Refused	35 59.3%	21 35.6%	3 5.1%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$2,500		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	277 63.7%	140 32.2%	18 4.1%
Male	239 62.1%	130 33.8%	16 4.2%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$2,500		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	117 69.6%	43 25.6%	8 4.8%
40 to 49	117 62.9%	61 32.8%	8 4.3%
50 to 59	131 62.7%	71 34.0%	7 3.3%
60 and older	151 58.8%	95 37.0%	11 4.3%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$2,500		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

REGION

Baltimore Metro	222 62.5%	117 33.0%	16 4.5%
Washington Metro	182 65.0%	89 31.8%	9 3.2%
Rural Maryland	112 60.5%	64 34.6%	9 4.9%

QUESTION: Suing Patients – Debt Under \$1,000 *Would you support or oppose prohibiting hospitals from suing former patients for debts under \$1,000?*

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$1,000	Number	Percent
Support	524	63.9 %
Oppose	258	31.5 %
No answer	38	4.6 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$1,000

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	315 72.7%	102 23.6%	16 3.7%
Republican	131 53.0%	104 42.1%	12 4.9%
Unaffiliated	78 55.7%	52 37.1%	10 7.1%

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$1,000

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
African American	154 69.7%	58 26.2%	9 4.1%
White	332 61.5%	181 33.5%	27 5.0%
Other/ Refused	38 64.4%	19 32.2%	2 3.4%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$1,000		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	285 65.5%	129 29.7%	21 4.8%
Male	239 62.1%	129 33.5%	17 4.4%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$1,000		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	117 69.6%	43 25.6%	8 4.8%
40 to 49	122 65.6%	56 30.1%	8 4.3%
50 to 59	135 64.6%	69 33.0%	5 2.4%
60 and older	150 58.4%	90 35.0%	17 6.6%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$1,000		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	229 64.5%	108 30.4%	18 5.1%
Washington Metro	182 65.0%	86 30.7%	12 4.3%
Rural Maryland	113 61.1%	64 34.6%	8 4.3%

QUESTION: Suing Patients – Debt Under \$500 *Would you support or oppose prohibiting hospitals from suing former patients for debts under \$500?*

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$500	Number	Percent
Support	532	64.9 %
Oppose	256	31.2 %
No answer	32	3.9 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$500

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	313 72.3%	106 24.5%	14 3.2%
Republican	134 54.3%	102 41.3%	11 4.5%
Unaffiliated	85 60.7%	48 34.3%	7 5.0%

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$500

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
African American	155 70.1%	58 26.2%	8 3.6%
White	339 62.8%	179 33.1%	22 4.1%
Other/ Refused	38 64.4%	19 32.2%	2 3.4%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$500		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	286 65.7%	131 30.1%	18 4.1%
Male	246 63.9%	125 32.5%	14 3.6%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$500		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	117 69.6%	43 25.6%	8 4.8%
40 to 49	126 67.7%	54 29.0%	6 3.2%
50 to 59	135 64.6%	69 33.0%	5 2.4%
60 and older	154 59.9%	90 35.0%	13 5.1%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$500		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	231 65.1%	109 30.7%	15 4.2%
Washington Metro	185 66.1%	85 30.4%	10 3.6%
Rural Maryland	116 62.7%	62 33.5%	7 3.8%

QUESTION: Suing Patients – Debt Under \$250 *Would you support or oppose prohibiting hospitals from suing former patients for debts under \$250?*

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$250	Number	Percent
Support	536	65.4 %
Oppose	243	29.6 %
No answer	41	5.0 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$250

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	319 73.7%	95 21.9%	19 4.4%
Republican	128 51.8%	105 42.5%	14 5.7%
Unaffiliated	89 63.6%	43 30.7%	8 5.7%

N=820

PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$250

	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
African American	160 72.4%	52 23.5%	9 4.1%
White	340 63.0%	170 31.5%	30 5.6%
Other/ Refused	36 61.0%	21 35.6%	2 3.4%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$250		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Female	282 64.8%	133 30.6%	20 4.6%
Male	254 66.0%	110 28.6%	21 5.5%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$250		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 39	124 73.8%	36 21.4%	8 4.8%
40 to 49	125 67.2%	52 28.0%	9 4.8%
50 to 59	137 65.6%	64 30.6%	8 3.8%
60 and older	150 58.4%	91 35.4%	16 6.2%

N=820	PROHIBIT - SUE FOR UNDER \$250		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Baltimore Metro	233 65.6%	100 28.2%	22 6.2%
Washington Metro	195 69.6%	77 27.5%	8 2.9%
Rural Maryland	108 58.4%	66 35.7%	11 5.9%

QUESTION: Create Payment Plan *Before they can file a lawsuit or send a debt to collections, do you think hospitals should be required to create a payment plan based on income for former patients to pay off the debt, or not?*

<u>CREATE PAYMENT PLAN</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	763	93.0 %
No	40	4.9 %
No answer	17	2.1 %
Total	820	100.0 %

N=820

CREATE PAYMENT PLAN

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY

Democrat	404 93.3%	21 4.8%	8 1.8%
Republican	230 93.1%	11 4.5%	6 2.4%
Unaffiliated	129 92.1%	8 5.7%	3 2.1%

N=820

CREATE PAYMENT PLAN

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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RACE

African American	204 92.3%	11 5.0%	6 2.7%
White	505 93.5%	25 4.6%	10 1.9%
Other/ Refused	54 91.5%	4 6.8%	1 1.7%

N=820	CREATE PAYMENT PLAN		
	Yes	No	No answer

GENDER

Female	406 93.3%	20 4.6%	9 2.1%
Male	357 92.7%	20 5.2%	8 2.1%

N=820	CREATE PAYMENT PLAN		
	Yes	No	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	157 93.5%	7 4.2%	4 2.4%
40 to 49	173 93.0%	7 3.8%	6 3.2%
50 to 59	195 93.3%	11 5.3%	3 1.4%
60 and older	238 92.6%	15 5.8%	4 1.6%

N=820	CREATE PAYMENT PLAN		
	Yes	No	No answer

REGION

Baltimore Metro	329 92.7%	18 5.1%	8 2.3%
Washington Metro	262 93.6%	14 5.0%	4 1.4%
Rural Maryland	172 93.0%	8 4.3%	5 2.7%

Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	433	52.8 %
Republican	247	30.1 %
Unaffiliated	140	17.1 %
Total	820	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
African American	221	27.0 %
White	540	65.9 %
Other/Refused	59	7.2 %
Total	820	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	435	53.0 %
Male	385	47.0 %
Total	820	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 39	168	20.5 %
40 to 49	186	22.7 %
50 to 59	209	25.5 %
60 and older	257	31.3 %
Total	820	100.0 %

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 50	354	43.2 %
50 or older	466	56.8 %
Total	820	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baltimore Metro	355	43.3 %
Washington Metro	280	34.1 %
Rural Maryland	185	22.6 %
Total	820	100.0 %