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NAMI/Ipsos Poll

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
 Interview dates: July 10-12, 2026
 Number of interviews: 2,038

Margin of error: +/- 2.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, N/A = not applicable

Annotated Questionnaire

Q1. Which of the following best describes your understanding of what Medicaid is?

	Total (N=2,038)
A shared state and federal program that provides health coverage to people with limited income and resources	62%
A federal health insurance program for people aged 65 and older	19%
A program that provides financial assistance for medical bills	7%
A private health insurance option for individuals and families	2%
Don't know	9%
Skipped	1%

Q2_1. How familiar are you with each of the following? – Medicaid work requirements

	Total (N=2,038)
Very familiar	7%
Somewhat familiar	23%
Not very familiar	31%
Have heard of it, but that's it	17%
I have never heard of it	20%
Skipped	2%
Aware (Net)	79%
Familiar (Net)	30%
Unfamiliar (Net)	68%



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Q2_2. How familiar are you with each of the following? – Medicaid community engagement requirements

	Total (N=2,038)
Very familiar	5%
Somewhat familiar	14%
Not very familiar	33%
Have heard of it, but that's it	10%
I have never heard of it	37%
Skipped	2%
Aware (Net)	62%
Familiar (Net)	18%
Unfamiliar (Net)	80%

Q2_3. How familiar are you with each of the following? – Recent federal cuts to Medicaid funding

	Total (N=2,038)
Very familiar	11%
Somewhat familiar	28%
Not very familiar	27%
Have heard of it, but that's it	18%
I have never heard of it	14%
Skipped	2%
Aware (Net)	84%
Familiar (Net)	39%
Unfamiliar (Net)	60%

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Q3_Sum1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Summary - Agree

	Total (N=2,038)	Nov 2025 (N=2,046)
Medicaid is an essential program for providing health care to vulnerable populations in my community*	78%	76%
Our community is hurt when people lose health care coverage and their access to care	76%	N/A
Medicaid saves lives by helping people access mental health care	73%	64%
Making it harder to get/stay covered by Medicaid will lead to worse health outcomes for low-income individuals and families in my community	67%	N/A
People with mental illness should be denied medical care/Medicaid because they are unable to work	10%	N/A

*Note: In November 2025, this statement read as “Medicaid is an essential program for providing health care to vulnerable populations.”

Q3_1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – Medicaid is an essential program for providing health care to vulnerable populations in my community*

	Total (N=2,038)	Nov 2025 (N=2,046)
Strongly agree	47%	47%
Somewhat agree	31%	29%
Somewhat disagree	7%	8%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%
Don't know	11%	10%
Skipped	2%	2%
Agree (Net)	78%	76%
Disagree (Net)	10%	12%

*Note: In November 2025, this statement read as “Medicaid is an essential program for providing health care to vulnerable populations.”

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Q3_2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – Making it harder to get/stay covered by Medicaid will lead to worse health outcomes for low-income individuals and families in my community

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly agree	44%
Somewhat agree	23%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don't know	11%
Skipped	2%
Agree (Net)	67%
Disagree (Net)	20%

Q3_3. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – Medicaid saves lives by helping people access mental health care

	Total (N=2,038)	Nov 2025 (N=2,046)
Strongly agree	42%	33%
Somewhat agree	31%	31%
Somewhat disagree	6%	9%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%
Don't know	17%	21%
Skipped	2%	2%
Agree (Net)	73%	64%
Disagree (Net)	9%	13%

Q3_4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – Our community is hurt when people lose health care coverage and their access to care

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly agree	52%
Somewhat agree	24%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	4%
Don't know	9%
Skipped	2%
Agree (Net)	76%
Disagree (Net)	13%

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Q3_5. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – People with mental illness should be denied medical care/Medicaid because they are unable to work

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly agree	4%
Somewhat agree	6%
Somewhat disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	56%
Don't know	11%
Skipped	2%
Agree (Net)	10%
Disagree (Net)	77%

Q4_Sum1. How much would you support or oppose policies that...? Summary - Support

	Total (N=2,038)
Protect people with disabilities, including mental illness, from losing their Medicaid coverage	81%
Allow people with mental illness who are on Medicaid to keep their coverage	79%
Delay implementation of Medicaid community engagement requirements until states can ensure that fewer people with health conditions lose coverage	49%
Stop Medicaid community engagement requirements to prevent a large number of people from losing health insurance	47%
Strip Medicaid coverage from people who are working but did not submit the correct paperwork	29%

Q4_1. How much would you support or oppose policies that...? – Strip Medicaid coverage from people who are working but did not submit the correct paperwork

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly support	9%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	25%
Strongly oppose	27%
Don't know	17%
Skipped	2%
Support (Net)	29%
Oppose (Net)	52%

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Q4_2. How much would you support or oppose policies that...? – Delay implementation of Medicaid community engagement requirements until states can ensure that fewer people with health conditions lose coverage

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly support	27%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	12%
Don't know	24%
Skipped	2%
Support (Net)	49%
Oppose (Net)	25%

Q4_3. How much would you support or oppose policies that...? – Allow people with mental illness who are on Medicaid to keep their coverage

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly support	50%
Somewhat support	28%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	2%
Don't know	11%
Skipped	2%
Support (Net)	79%
Oppose (Net)	8%

Q4_4. How much would you support or oppose policies that...? – Stop Medicaid community engagement requirements to prevent a large number of people from losing health insurance

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	13%
Don't know	21%
Skipped	2%
Support (Net)	47%
Oppose (Net)	30%

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Q4_5. How much would you support or oppose policies that...? – Protect people with disabilities, including mental illness, from losing their Medicaid coverage

	Total (N=2,038)
Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	28%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	2%
Don't know	10%
Skipped	2%
Support (Net)	81%
Oppose (Net)	7%

Q5. Below is a list of different kinds of health insurance. Are you covered by any of the following types of health insurance or health coverage plans? Please do not include Medicare supplements or specialty insurance such as dental or long-term care.

	Total (N=2,038)
Insurance through a current or former employer or union (your employer or another family member). These plans may be with companies such as Aetna, UnitedHealth, Blue Cross Blue Shield, etc.	50%
Medicare, for people 65 and older, or people with certain disabilities	21%
Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or any kind of government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability	15%
Insurance purchased directly from an insurance company (including "Obamacare" or a state exchange)	6%
Any other type of health insurance or health coverage plan	6%
Veteran's Affairs (VA), Department of Defense, or other military programs	4%
TRICARE or other military health care	3%
Indian Health Service	1%
I don't have health insurance	8%
Skipped	2%

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Q6. Have you or someone you know ever had health insurance coverage through Medicaid? To look up your state's name for Medicaid, please visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/medicaid-chip-program-names/>.

	Total (N=2,038)
Yes, I have used Medicaid	21%
Yes, a family member	29%
Yes, a close friend	10%
Yes, someone else	10%
No	34%
Not sure	14%
Skipped	1%
Yes (Net)	51%

Q7_1. **(Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid)** You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with...? Summary - Yes, it helped

	Total (N=845)
Accessing health care, including mental health care	69%
Avoiding hospitalization / staying in your community	45%
Staying in school / returning to school	25%
Staying employed / finding employment	24%
Volunteering in your community	14%

Q7_1. **(Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid)** You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with...? – Accessing health care, including mental health care

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	69%
No, it did not help	9%
Not sure	19%
Prefer not to say	3%
Skipped	0%

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Q7_2. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with...? – Staying in school / returning to school

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	25%
No, it did not help	35%
Not sure	34%
Prefer not to say	5%
Skipped	1%

Q7_3. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with...? – Staying employed / finding employment

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	24%
No, it did not help	36%
Not sure	34%
Prefer not to say	4%
Skipped	1%

Q7_4. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with...? – Volunteering in your community

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	14%
No, it did not help	38%
Not sure	43%
Prefer not to say	4%
Skipped	1%

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Q7_5. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with...? – Avoiding hospitalization / staying in your community

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	45%
No, it did not help	17%
Not sure	34%
Prefer not to say	3%
Skipped	1%

Q8_1. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with accessing...? Summary - Yes, it helped

	Total (N=845)
Doctor's office visit	83%
Therapy	49%
Mental health medications	43%
Mental health crisis care	33%
Peer support services	22%

Q8_1. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with accessing...? – Mental health medications

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	43%
No, it did not help	8%
I did not try to access this	28%
Not sure	21%
Skipped	1%

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Q8_2. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with accessing...? – Therapy

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	49%
No, it did not help	9%
I did not try to access this	25%
Not sure	17%
Skipped	1%

Q8_3. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with accessing...? – Peer support services

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	22%
No, it did not help	11%
I did not try to access this	36%
Not sure	30%
Skipped	1%

Q8_4. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with accessing...? – Mental health crisis care

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	33%
No, it did not help	9%
I did not try to access this	36%
Not sure	22%
Skipped	1%

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Q8_5. (Base: Have used or have family member that has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. In your experience, did Medicaid coverage help with accessing...? – Doctor's office visit

	Total (N=845)
Yes, it helped	83%
No, it did not help	4%
I did not try to access this	4%
Not sure	8%
Skipped	1%

Q9_Sum1. (Base: Have used or knows someone who has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Summary - Agree

	Total (N=1,028)
If I/someone I know loses Medicaid coverage, I don't know what we'll do to pay for health care.	67%
I worry about how these community engagement requirements will impact the health care available in my community.	59%
I am afraid that I/someone I know will lose our Medicaid coverage with these new community engagement requirements.	51%
I/someone I know will have to skip mental health care, including medications, without Medicaid coverage.	49%
It will be harder to keep a job if I/someone I know loses Medicaid coverage.	42%

Q9_1. (Base: Have used or knows someone who has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – I am afraid that I/someone I know will lose our Medicaid coverage with these new community engagement requirements.

	Total (N=1,028)
Strongly agree	31%
Somewhat agree	19%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	14%
Don't know	23%
Skipped	1%
Agree (Net)	51%
Disagree (Net)	26%

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Q9_2. (Base: Have used or knows someone who has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – It will be harder to keep a job if I/someone I know loses Medicaid coverage.

	Total (N=1,028)
Strongly agree	24%
Somewhat agree	18%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	16%
Don't know	27%
Skipped	1%
Agree (Net)	42%
Disagree (Net)	30%

Q9_3. (Base: Have used or knows someone who has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – I/someone I know will have to skip mental health care, including medications, without Medicaid coverage.

	Total (N=1,028)
Strongly agree	32%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	12%
Don't know	29%
Skipped	1%
Agree (Net)	49%
Disagree (Net)	21%

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Q9_4. (Base: Have used or knows someone who has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – I worry about how these community engagement requirements will impact the health care available in my community.

	Total (N=1,028)
Strongly agree	36%
Somewhat agree	24%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	11%
Don't know	17%
Skipped	1%
Agree (Net)	59%
Disagree (Net)	23%

Q9_5. (Base: Have used or knows someone who has used Medicaid) You mentioned that you or someone you know is/was previously covered by Medicaid. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? – If I/someone I know loses Medicaid coverage, I don't know what we'll do to pay for health care.

	Total (N=1,028)
Strongly agree	48%
Somewhat agree	19%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	8%
Don't know	16%
Skipped	1%
Agree (Net)	67%
Disagree (Net)	16%

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Q10_Sum1. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether each of the following statements about Medicaid community engagement requirements are true, false, or you don't know. Summary - Correct

	Total (N=2,038)
These requirements will lead to some hospitals reducing staff, cutting services, or closing completely [TRUE]	27%
Research estimates that more than five million people will lose Medicaid coverage by 2034 because of these requirements [TRUE]	27%
If someone has a serious mental illness (e.g., schizophrenia), these requirements do not apply to them [FALSE]	20%
Medicaid community engagement requirements are set to take effect in January 2027 [TRUE]	18%
Congress allocated enough funding to cover the cost of implementing these requirements [FALSE]	16%
If someone is homeless, these requirements do not apply to them [FALSE]	15%

Q10_1. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether each of the following statements about Medicaid community engagement requirements are true, false, or you don't know. – Medicaid community engagement requirements are set to take effect in January 2027

	Total (N=2,038)
True*	18%
False	3%
Don't know	78%
Skipped	2%

*Correct answer

Q10_2. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether each of the following statements about Medicaid community engagement requirements are true, false, or you don't know. – If someone has a serious mental illness (e.g., schizophrenia), these requirements do not apply to them

	Total (N=2,038)
True	10%
False*	15%
Don't know	74%
Skipped	2%

*Correct answer

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Q10_3. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether each of the following statements about Medicaid community engagement requirements are true, false, or you don't know. – If someone is homeless, these requirements do not apply to them

	Total (N=2,038)
True	7%
False*	20%
Don't know	71%
Skipped	2%

*Correct answer

Q10_4. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether each of the following statements about Medicaid community engagement requirements are true, false, or you don't know. – Research estimates that more than five million people will lose Medicaid coverage by 2034 because of these requirements

	Total (N=2,038)
True*	27%
False	4%
Don't know	67%
Skipped	2%

*Correct answer

Q10_5. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether each of the following statements about Medicaid community engagement requirements are true, false, or you don't know. – These requirements will lead to some hospitals reducing staff, cutting services, or closing completely

	Total (N=2,038)
True*	27%
False	12%
Don't know	59%
Skipped	2%

*Correct answer

Q10_6. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether each of the following statements about Medicaid community engagement requirements are true, false, or you don't know. – Congress allocated enough funding to cover the cost of implementing these requirements

	Total (N=2,038)
True	9%
False*	16%
Don't know	73%
Skipped	2%

*Correct answer



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Q11. How concerned, if at all, are you about people losing their Medicaid coverage with Medicaid community engagement requirements going into effect on January 1, 2027?

	Total (N=2,038)
Very concerned	31%
Somewhat concerned	33%
Not very concerned	21%
Not at all concerned	13%
Skipped	2%
Concerned (Net)	65%
Not concerned (Net)	34%





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About the Study

This NAMI/Ipsos poll was conducted July 10-12, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 2,038 general population adults age 18 or older.

Where applicable, the topline is trended with NAMI/Ipsos polling conducted by Ipsos using the probability based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 2,046 general population adults age 18 or older. More details can be found here, [November 2025](#).

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult U.S. population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the U.S. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population. The study was conducted in English. The data for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2025 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). Party Identification benchmark came from the 2025 Pew's National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS) with a midyear adjustment estimated across aggregated KnowledgePanel surveys accounting for changes in panelists' party identification over time.

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45-59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party Identification (Republican, Lean Republican, Independent/Not lean, Lean Democrat, Democrat)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.05.





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