

## Supplemental Digital Appendix 1

### Final Survey, From a Multi-Institutional Study of Medical Students' Views on Health Care Reform and Professional Responsibility (N = 1,660), 2017

#### Start of Block: Section 1: Health Care Policy Issues

Part A: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding health care policy issues by selecting the response that best represents your opinion.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I understand the basic components of the Affordable Care Act.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I support the Affordable Care Act.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Affordable Care Act will have a negative influence on my future career in medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health insurance should be provided to all, regardless of their ability to pay.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to health care is a privilege, not a right.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Addressing health care policy issues, as important as that may be, falls outside the scope of the professional obligations of a physician.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The threat of malpractice lawsuits substantially increases the overall cost of health care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Part B: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following policies. Some of these policies have been enacted, while others are hypothetical scenarios.

I support...

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
providing undocumented immigrants health insurance through government programs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
a single-payer health care system.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
increasing payments to physicians who provide primary care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
increasing payments to physicians who provide specialty care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
reducing funding for Medicaid.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
requiring health insurance plans to cover contraceptive methods and education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
requiring all Americans to have health insurance.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Part C: We would like to ask you about particular policies that impact **health insurance coverage**. How **important or unimportant** do you think each of the following actions are for the US population?

Please note that the answer choices are different from the previous questions.

	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Neither Important nor Unimportant	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Don't Know
Preventing insurance companies from denying coverage or charging higher prices based on pre-existing conditions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allowing young adults to remain on their family insurance plan until age 26.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding Medicaid eligibility to \$20,783 for a single adult and to \$42,435 for a family of four.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing tax credits for small businesses that offer health insurance to employees.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Capping the amount insurers can charge older customers for health insurance compared to younger customers at 3:1.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Part D: The following have been identified as **potential approaches** for future health reform. Do you **agree or disagree** that the following approaches would **improve** the health of the US population?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Don't Know
Increase the use of high deductible health plans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow companies to sell health insurance across state lines.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create a public insurance option to compete with private insurance plans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand Medicare to 55 to 64-year olds.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Part E: Please indicate your knowledge regarding the following statements by selecting the response that best represents your understanding.

The Affordable Care Act....

	True	False
requires individuals to have health insurance or else pay a fine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
creates a new government-run insurance plan that anyone can purchase.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
expanded Medicaid in every state.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
requires large businesses (more than 100 employees) to provide health insurance for their employees or else pay a fine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
includes an overhaul of tort reform law.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
defines benefits that private insurance companies must include in their insurance plans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
creates health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and individuals can purchase insurance and compare prices and benefits.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
prevents people from being denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: Section 1: Health Care Policy Issues

## Start of Block: Section 2: Demographic Information

What is your age?

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What is your sex?

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential Election?

- Yes
- No

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

What is your race? (Select one or more responses)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Black or African American
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - White
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prefer not to answer
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What is your medical school class?

- MS1
  - MS2
  - MS3
  - MS4
  - MD/PhD - Currently completing PhD
  - MD/MPH - Currently completing MPH
  - Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
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Which medical school do you attend?

- Emory School of Medicine
  - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
  - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
  - University of California - Davis
  - University of Colorado School of Medicine
  - University of Minnesota School of Medicine - Duluth
  - University of Minnesota School of Medicine - Twin Cities
  - Yale School of Medicine
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At this time, what is your intended specialty?

- Anesthesiology
  - Dermatology
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Family Medicine
  - General Surgery
  - Internal Medicine
  - Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
  - Neurology
  - Neurological Surgery
  - Obstetrics and Gynecology
  - Otolaryngology
  - Pathology
  - Pediatrics
  - Plastic Surgery
  - Psychiatry
  - Radiology
  - Urology
  - Unknown
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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What is your political ideology?

- Conservative
  - Somewhat conservative
  - Moderate
  - Somewhat liberal
  - Liberal
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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In which state did you spend the majority of your developmental years?

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What is your estimated level of education debt when you graduate from medical school?

- None
- Less than \$50,000
- \$50,000 - \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$200,000
- \$200,000 - \$300,000
- \$300,000 or more

**End of Block: Section 2: Demographic Information**

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## Supplemental Digital Appendix 2

### Percentages of Correct and Incorrect Responses for Medical Students Answering Eight Questions Assessing Knowledge of the ACA (N = 1,660), From a Multi-Institutional Study of Medical Students' Views on Health Care Reform and Professional Responsibility, 2017

	True N (%) <sup>a</sup>	False N (%) <sup>a</sup>
The Affordable Care Act . . .		
requires individuals to have health insurance or else pay a fine.	1584 (95.6) <sup>b</sup>	72 (4.4)
creates a new government-run insurance plan that anyone can purchase.	580 (35.1)	1074 (64.9) <sup>b</sup>
expanded Medicaid in every state.	444 (26.9)	1209 (73.1) <sup>b</sup>
requires large businesses (more than 100 employees) to provide health insurance for their employees or else pay a fine.	1526 (92.4) <sup>b</sup>	125 (7.6)
includes an overhaul of tort reform.	376 (23.1)	1252 (76.9) <sup>b</sup>
defines benefits that private insurance companies must include in their insurance plans.	1391 (84.7) <sup>b</sup>	252 (15.3)
creates health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and individuals can purchase insurance and compare prices and benefits.	1556 (94.4) <sup>b</sup>	92 (5.6)
prevents people from being denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition.	1614 (97.8) <sup>b</sup>	37 (2.2)

<sup>a</sup> Not all 1,660 students answered all questions, so totals vary. Percentages calculated from each question total.

<sup>b</sup> Indicates correct answer