



REPORT:

## DELAWARE'S HEALTHCARE COST CRISIS REVEALED

A new survey of likely voters in Delaware reveals the toll that high-cost care and prescription drugs are taking on families across the state. The numbers are clear - many Delaware residents are delaying needed and cost barriers are preventing others from receiving treatment prescribed by a doctor — all realities that could lead to worse health outcomes.

### KEY FINDINGS

Conducted by Global Strategy Group and released by West Health, this new survey exposes how many are feeling the devastating impacts of unaffordable and inaccessible healthcare -- particularly during the pandemic. **For more information, read the [memo](#) and [summary](#) of results.**



In the last year, more than 146,000 Delaware residents **did not seek treatment for a health problem due to cost of care.**

**146K**  
Avoided  
High Cost  
Care



Over 585,000 Delaware residents **support allowing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies** to make drugs and medications more affordable to patients over letting drug companies set prices.

**585K**  
Support  
Medicare  
Negotiation



More than 10% of Delaware families have experienced the **death of a friend or family in the past 5 years** because they couldn't afford necessary medical treatment.

**10%**  
Have Lost a  
Loved One



In the last year, 1 in 4 Delaware families **could not pay for medicine or drugs** prescribed by their doctor.

**25%**  
Could Not  
Afford Rx  
Drugs



3 in 5 Delaware voters prefer giving **Medicare the power to negotiate prescription drug prices** over limiting drug price increases to the rate of inflation.

**60%**  
of Delaware  
Voters



## SUPPORT FOR MEDICARE NEGOTIATING DRUG PRICES REMAINS HIGH IN DELAWARE

### 88% of voters in Delaware

support requiring drug companies to negotiate with Medicare for lower prescription drugs for all Americans.

### 77% of voters in Delaware

support imposing tax penalties to ensure that all drug companies negotiate affordable prescription drug prices with Medicare.



**For decades Americans have been promised lower healthcare costs, but these have largely been broken promises. People are frustrated and worried, and more importantly, they are getting sicker and even dying.**

– TIM LASH, CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER WEST HEALTH

## METHODOLOGY

The findings are from a multi-channel survey of 619 likely general election voters in Delaware between April 29 - May 4, 2021. Interviews were conducted by live telephone and via web-based panel. Interviews conducted via web-based panel were matched back to a corresponding voter file. The confidence interval overall is +/- 3.9% within each state.

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