

AARP's Florida State Office, in response to its commitment to ensure health and long-term care for all residents and its desire to develop affordable health care options, commissioned this survey to explore the views of its African-American members on health care in Florida as well as potential actions that could be taken to expand health care access to state residents.

These results are based on a mail survey, fielded in November and December 2007, sent to a random sample of 6,200 AARP members in Florida, including over-samples of members age 50-64 years, members likely to be African-American, and members likely to be of Hispanic Origin. A total of 1,693 surveys were returned yielding a response rate of 27 percent and a sampling error of ± 2.4 percent.

This report is based on responses from 330 AARP members who identified themselves as Black or African-American. A weighted, annotated survey of their responses is found on page 6.

SURVEY-IN-BRIEF

- **Most African-American members believe all Florida residents should have access to basic health care.**
 - ✓ 95 percent also say it is important for Florida's Governor and State Legislature to ensure affordable health care coverage and improve access to health care services and providers.
 - ✓ 98 percent say it is important for Florida's Governor and State Legislature to make prescription drugs more affordable.
 - ✓ 11 percent say they do not have any kind of health care coverage.
- **One in five African-American members has experienced a preventable medical error.**
 - ✓ 6 percent say they have personally experienced a medical error.
 - ✓ 13 percent say a family member has been a victim of a medical error.
 - ✓ 3 percent have both personally experienced a medical error as well as had a family member who has experienced one.
- **Seven in ten African-American members perceive the health care system in Florida as needing fundamental changes or needing to be completely re-built.**
 - ✓ In the last year, 24 percent say that paying their medical expenses has been a major problem. 31 percent say it has been a minor problem.
 - ✓ In the last three years, 34 percent say they have had to forgo buying something they needed because of their medical expenses.
- **Most African-American members believe that everyone, including employers, government, and individuals, should contribute financially to a system that provides affordable, quality health care to all Florida residents.**
 - ✓ 95 percent say it is important for Florida's Governor and State Legislature to expand coverage for the uninsured and the under-insured.
 - ✓ 89 percent also say it is extremely or very important for Florida to increase the number of residents who have health insurance coverage.

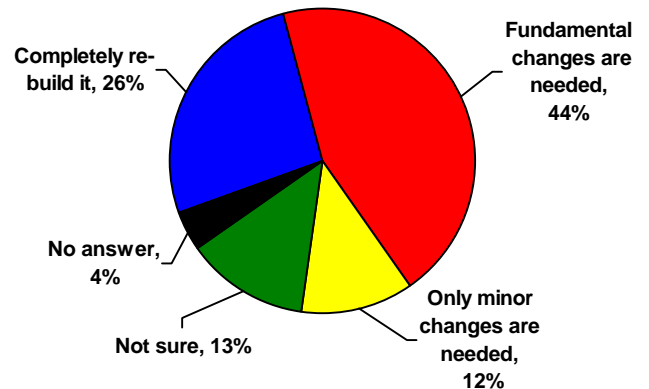
With nearly 670,000 uninsured African-Americans under age 65 in Florida and health care costs continuing to rise, the issue of having access to affordable, quality health care in Florida is at the forefront of many members' minds. This survey examines the opinions, concerns, worries, and experiences of African-American AARP members about health care in Florida.

MOST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMBERS BELIEVE HEALTH CARE IN FLORIDA NEEDS TO BE FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED OR COMPLETELY RE-BUILT

Seven in ten African-American members describe the Florida health care system as either needing to be fundamentally changed or needing to be completely re-built. Twelve percent of members say only minor changes are needed to Florida's health care system, and a similar amount are unsure of what is needed.

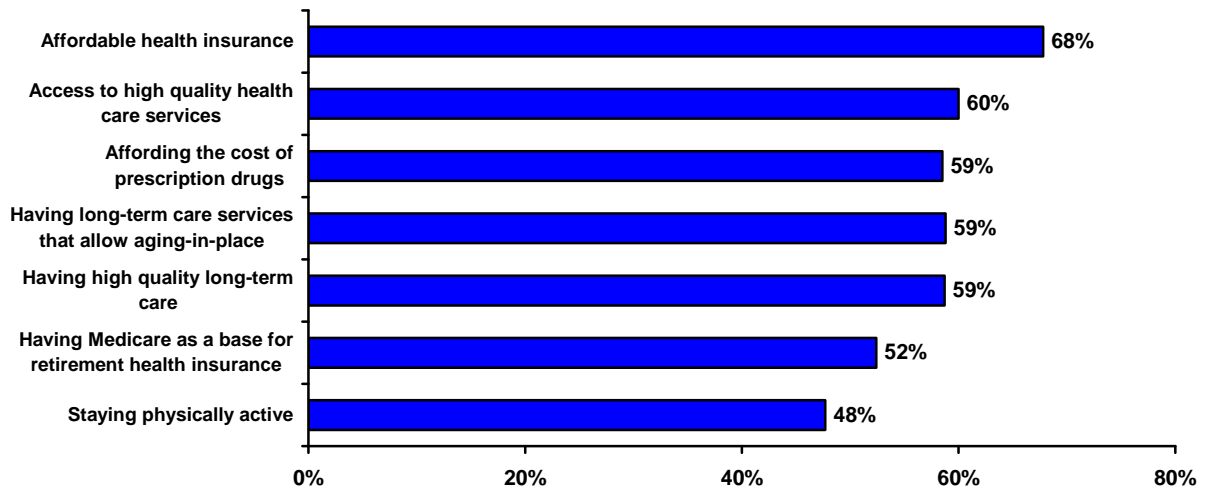
- ✓ 37 percent of African-American women say the system needs to be completely re-built compared to 22 percent of African-American men.
- ✓ 24 percent of African-American retirees say the system only needs minor changes compared to 8 percent of working African-Americans.

Member Perception of Florida's Health Care System (n=330)



MOST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMBERS ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT AFFORDING HEALTH INSURANCE, AFFORDING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND HAVING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Health Care Related Extreme Concerns (n=330)



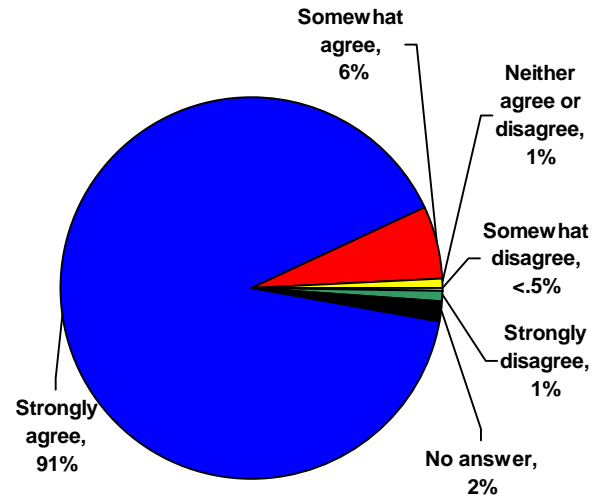
MOST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMBERS BELIEVE ALL FLORIDA RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTH CARE

Most African-American members believe that everyone, that is all Florida residents, should have access to basic health care.

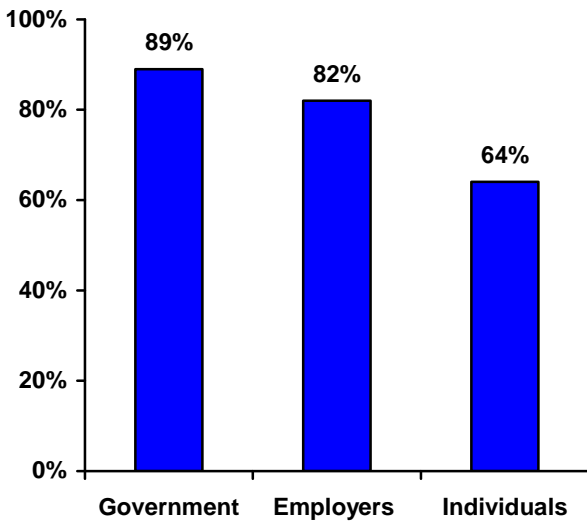
African-American members also say it is extremely or very important that Florida’s Governor and State Legislature work on

- ✓ Making prescription drugs more affordable (98%)
- ✓ Improving access to health care services and providers (95%)
- ✓ Ensuring affordable health care coverage (95%)
- ✓ Expanding coverage for the uninsured or under-insured (95%)

Agreement that All Florida Residents Should Have Access to Basic Health Care (n=330)



Who Should Contribute to a Health Care System That Provides Everyone with Basic Health Care (n=330)



AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMBERS SAY GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

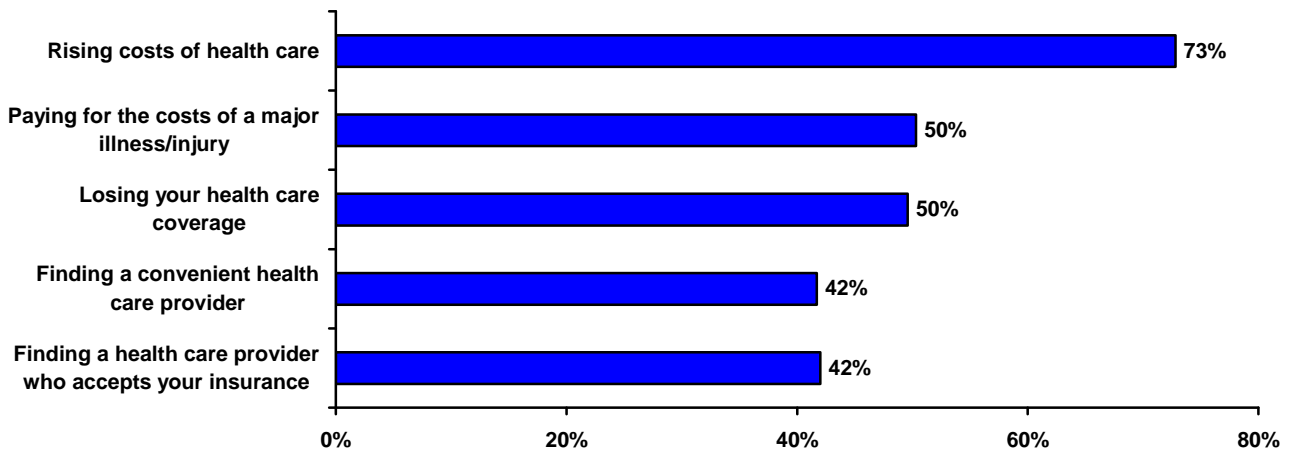
Over eight in ten African-American members agree that the federal and state government as well as employers should contribute financially so that everyone can have access to affordable, quality health care. Nearly two in three also say that individuals should contribute financially.

Additionally, nearly eight in ten African-American members say it is extremely or very important that Florida’s Governor and State Legislature work on making it easier to take current health care coverage with you when you change jobs (78%).

Eighty-nine percent of members also say that it is extremely or very important for Florida to increase the number of residents who have health insurance coverage.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS MEMBERS ARE EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT THE RISING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING THEIR OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES, THEIR CO-PAYS, AND THEIR INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Extreme Worries of African-American Members About Their Health Care (n=330)



- ✓ Only 19 percent of members say they are extremely or very confident that they will be able to maintain their health insurance coverage at an acceptable cost to them over the next 5 years.
- ✓ In the last year, 24 percent of members say that paying their medical expenses has been a major problem – 31 percent say it has been a minor problem.
- ✓ In the last three years, 34 percent of members say they have had to forgo buying something they needed because of their medical expenses.
- ✓ 11 percent of members say they do not have any kind of health care coverage.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMBERS ARE MOST LIKELY TO TURN TO SOMEONE AT THEIR HEALTH PLAN OR PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DOCTORS, HOSPITALS, OR HEALTH PLANS

	(n=330)		
	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Somewhat Likely</u>	<u>Not Likely</u>
Contact someone at your health plan/refer to plan materials	77%	9%	7%
Ask a family member, co-worker, neighbor, or friend	60%	16%	15%
Contact a state or local agency	44%	18%	30%
Go online to an Internet web site	39%	17%	34%
Order a printed booklet	35%	21%	34%
Refer to a section of a newspaper/magazine	21%	20%	49%

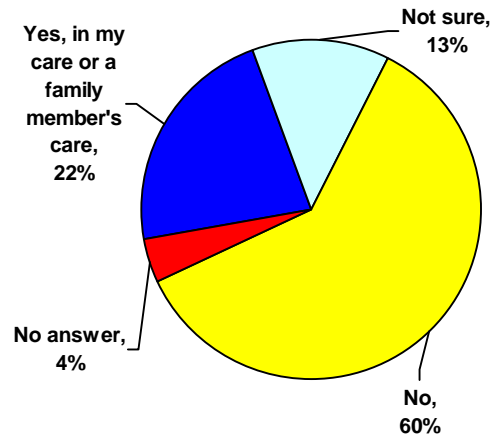
- ✓ 15 percent of members say they have used the State of Florida web site, *Florida Compare Care*, to get information about doctors, hospitals, or health insurance plans.

ONE IN FIVE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMBERS HAS EXPERIENCED A PREVENTABLE MEDICAL ERROR

Six percent of African-American members say they have experienced a preventable medical error in their own care, 13 percent say a family member has been a victim of a preventable medical error, and 3 percent have experienced an error in their own care as well as in a family member’s care.

Nearly all African-American members say it is extremely or very important that Florida’s Governor and State Legislature work on improving health care quality and reducing medical errors (97%).

Have Experienced a Preventable Medical Error (n=330)



AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMBERS ARE TAKING PROACTIVE STEPS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR MEDICATIONS AND SAFEGUARD THEIR HEALTH

About two in three have

- ✓ Brought a list of current medications, including nonprescription ones, to doctor appointments (69%);
- ✓ Checked the medication from pharmacist with the prescription the doctor wrote (67%); and
- ✓ Talked to doctor or pharmacist about the proper use of new drug – how and when to take it, side effects, other drug interactions (64%).

Over one in four has

- ✓ Asked for generic medications instead of brand name drugs (48%);
- ✓ Brought a friend or relative to a doctor’s appointment so they can help ask questions and understand what the doctor is saying (32%); and
- ✓ Created their own set of medical records (28%).

Seventy-two percent describe their health as excellent, very good, or good. Twenty-five percent say it is fair or poor.

Thirty-one percent have a disability, handicap, or chronic disease that keeps them from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities.

ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE

2007 AARP FLORIDA MEMBER SURVEY

African-American Weighted Annotation (n=330)

(Percentages are rounded to nearest whole number)

Your Concerns

1. Below is a list of concerns that have been expressed by people age 50 and older. Please check the box that most closely matches your level of concern about each item.

	African- Americans
a. Having Social Security as a base for retirement income	
Extremely concerned	57%
Very concerned	27%
Somewhat concerned	10%
Not very concerned	2%
Not at all concerned	1%
Missing/No answer	4%
b. Affording the cost of prescription drugs	African- Americans
Extremely concerned	59%
Very concerned	26%
Somewhat concerned	8%
Not very concerned	3%
Not at all concerned	2%
Missing/No answer	3%
c. Staying physically active	African- Americans
Extremely concerned	48%
Very concerned	32%
Somewhat concerned	11%
Not very concerned	2%
Not at all concerned	2%
Missing/No answer	6%
d. Facing age discrimination in employment	African- Americans
Extremely concerned	29%
Very concerned	20%
Somewhat concerned	20%
Not very concerned	10%
Not at all concerned	16%
Missing/No answer	6%

e.	Affording my housing costs	African- Americans
	Extremely concerned	50%
	Very concerned	24%
	Somewhat concerned	12%
	Not very concerned	6%
	Not at all concerned	3%
	Missing/No answer	6%
f.	Having high quality long-term care for myself or a family member	African- Americans
	Extremely concerned	59%
	Very concerned	24%
	Somewhat concerned	9%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	4%
g.	Becoming a victim of identity theft or having my identity stolen	African- Americans
	Extremely concerned	55%
	Very concerned	23%
	Somewhat concerned	14%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	3%
h.	Having Medicare as a base for retirement health insurance	African- Americans
	Extremely concerned	52%
	Very concerned	26%
	Somewhat concerned	13%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	4%
i.	Affording the cost of my utility services	African- Americans
	Extremely concerned	48%
	Very concerned	25%
	Somewhat concerned	17%
	Not very concerned	6%
	Not at all concerned	1%
	Missing/No answer	4%

j.	Having long-term care services that would allow me or a family member to stay at home for as long as possible	African-Americans
	Extremely concerned	59%
	Very concerned	24%
	Somewhat concerned	10%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	3%
k.	Affording health insurance	African-Americans
	Extremely concerned	68%
	Very concerned	17%
	Somewhat concerned	6%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	5%
l.	Assuring my pension benefits and retirement savings are safe	African-Americans
	Extremely concerned	63%
	Very concerned	19%
	Somewhat concerned	8%
	Not very concerned	4%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	4%
m.	Access to high quality health care services	African-Americans
	Extremely concerned	60%
	Very concerned	24%
	Somewhat concerned	6%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	5%
n.	Having good employment opportunities	African-Americans
	Extremely concerned	31%
	Very concerned	23%
	Somewhat concerned	15%
	Not very concerned	11%
	Not at all concerned	15%
	Missing/No answer	5%

	African- Americans
o. Having enough money to meet daily living expenses	
Extremely concerned	65%
Very concerned	17%
Somewhat concerned	9%
Not very concerned	5%
Not at all concerned	1%
Missing/No answer	3%

Health Care

2. Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the health care system in Florida? Please check only one.

	African- Americans
Overall, our health care system works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better.	12%
There are some good things in our health care system, but fundamental changes are needed.	44%
Our health care system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it.	26%
Not sure	13%
Missing/No answer	4%

3. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including employer-provided health insurance, private health insurance, or government plans such as Medicare or Medicaid?

	African- Americans
Yes	79%
No SKIP TO QUESTION 6	11%
Not sure SKIP TO QUESTION 6	1%
Missing/No answer	9%

4. Do you have health care coverage through the following sources? (n=260)

	African- Americans
a. Through current employer	
Yes	33%
No	42%
Not sure	0%
Missing/No answer	25%

b.	Through your spouse's employer	African- Americans
	Yes	10%
	No	60%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	29%
c.	Through a previous employer or spouse's employer (may be a retirement benefit)	African- Americans
	Yes	23%
	No	49%
	Not sure	2%
	Missing/No answer	26%
d.	On your own, through an individual insurance policy	African- Americans
	Yes	16%
	No	50%
	Not sure	2%
	Missing/No answer	33%
e.	Through Medicare, the program that provides health insurance primarily to people age 65 and older and people with disabilities	African- Americans
	Yes	44%
	No	33%
	Not sure	3%
	Missing/No answer	20%
f.	Through Medicaid, the program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income individuals	African- Americans
	Yes	11%
	No	56%
	Not sure	4%
	Missing/No answer	30%
g.	Through Veteran's Administration or military benefits	African- Americans
	Yes	9%
	No	61%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	29%

h. Through some other program (Please specify: _____)	African- Americans
Yes	4%
No	58%
Not sure	4%
Missing/No answer	35%

5. How confident are you that you will be able to maintain your health care coverage at an acceptable cost to you over the next five years? (n=260)

	African- Americans
Extremely confident	6%
Very confident	13%
Somewhat confident	38%
Not very confident	23%
Not at all confident	16%
Missing/No answer	4%

6. In the past year, how much of a problem has it been paying your medical expenses, including prescription drugs?

	African- Americans
A major problem	24%
A minor problem	31%
Not a problem	40%
Not sure	2%
Missing/No answer	2%

7. In the last three years, have you ever had to forgo buying something you needed because of paying for your medical expenses, including prescription drugs?

	African- Americans
Yes	34%
No	60%
Not sure	4%
Missing/No answer	2%

8. How important is it for Florida to increase the number of residents who have health care insurance coverage?

	African-Americans
Extremely important	60%
Very important	29%
Somewhat important	7%
Not very important	<0.5%
Not at all important	1%
Missing/No answer	3%

9. How important is it for Florida to make health care more affordable for all residents?

	African-Americans
Extremely important	81%
Very important	16%
Somewhat important	2%
Not very important	0%
Not at all important	0%
Missing/No answer	2%

10. How strongly do you agree or disagree that all Florida residents should have access to basic health care?

	African-Americans
Strongly agree	91%
Somewhat agree	6%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
Somewhat disagree	<0.5%
Strongly disagree	1%
Missing/No answer	2%

11. How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following groups should contribute to a health care system so that everyone can have basic health care?

a. Employers	African-Americans
Strongly agree	70%
Somewhat agree	12%
Neither agree nor disagree	2%
Somewhat disagree	0%
Strongly disagree	1%
Missing/No answer	15%

		African- Americans
b. Individuals	Strongly agree	37%
	Somewhat agree	27%
	Neither agree nor disagree	7%
	Somewhat disagree	4%
	Strongly disagree	1%
	Missing/No answer	24%

		African- Americans
c. Government	Strongly agree	80%
	Somewhat agree	8%
	Neither agree nor disagree	2%
	Somewhat disagree	<0.5%
	Strongly disagree	1%
	Missing/No answer	9%

12. How worried are you about each of the following?

		African- Americans
a. Rising costs of health care, including out-of-pocket expenses, co-payments, and insurance premiums	Extremely worried	73%
	Very worried	15%
	Somewhat worried	6%
	Not very worried	1%
	Not at all worried	2%
	Not sure	<0.5%
	Missing/No answer	2%

		African- Americans
b. Finding a health care provider that is convenient to you	Extremely worried	42%
	Very worried	21%
	Somewhat worried	15%
	Not very worried	11%
	Not at all worried	5%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	6%

c.	Finding a health care provider who accepts your insurance	African- Americans
	Extremely worried	42%
	Very worried	19%
	Somewhat worried	13%
	Not very worried	13%
	Not at all worried	5%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	6%
d.	Losing your health care coverage or insurance	African- Americans
	Extremely worried	50%
	Very worried	13%
	Somewhat worried	16%
	Not very worried	9%
	Not at all worried	5%
	Not sure	2%
	Missing/No answer	7%
e.	Switching jobs because you might have to change or lose your current health insurance coverage	African- Americans
	Extremely worried	16%
	Very worried	8%
	Somewhat worried	9%
	Not very worried	14%
	Not at all worried	35%
	Not sure	7%
	Missing/No answer	11%
f.	Paying for costs associated with a major illness or injury	African- Americans
	Extremely worried	50%
	Very worried	13%
	Somewhat worried	17%
	Not very worried	6%
	Not at all worried	7%
	Not sure	2%
	Missing/No answer	6%

g.	Reductions in employer-sponsored health coverage for workers and families	African-Americans
	Extremely worried	34%
	Very worried	18%
	Somewhat worried	14%
	Not very worried	7%
	Not at all worried	14%
	Not sure	4%
	Missing/No answer	9%

13. In the last two years, have you ever done any of the following?

a.	Brought a friend or relative to a doctor's appointment so that they can help ask questions and understand what the doctor was telling you	African-Americans
	Yes	32%
	No	64%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	3%

b.	Brought a list of all the medications you were taking, including non-prescription drugs, to a doctor's appointment	African-Americans
	Yes	69%
	No	29%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	2%

c.	Checked the medication that a pharmacist gave you with the prescription that your doctor wrote	African-Americans
	Yes	67%
	No	29%
	Not sure	2%
	Missing/No answer	3%

d.	Created your own set of medical records to ensure that you and all of your health care providers have all your medical records	African-Americans
	Yes	28%
	No	63%
	Not sure	4%
	Missing/No answer	5%

e.	Asked your health care provider to prescribe you generic medications instead of name brand drugs	African-Americans
	Yes	48%
	No	45%
	Not sure	3%
	Missing/No answer	4%

f.	Talked to your doctor or pharmacist about the proper use of a new prescription drug, including how and when to take it, possible side effects, or other drug interactions	African-Americans
	Yes	64%
	No	33%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	2%

14. In 2008, how important is it that Florida’s Governor and State Legislature work on each of the following health care issues?

a.	Improving health care quality and reducing medical errors	African-Americans
	Extremely important	81%
	Very important	16%
	Somewhat important	1%
	Not very important	0%
	Not at all important	0%
	Missing/No answer	2%

b.	Improving access to health care services and providers	African-Americans
	Extremely important	76%
	Very important	19%
	Somewhat important	2%
	Not very important	0%
	Not at all important	0%
	Missing/No answer	3%

c.	Expanding coverage for the uninsured and under-insured	African-Americans
	Extremely important	78%
	Very important	17%
	Somewhat important	2%
	Not very important	0%
	Not at all important	<0.5%
	Missing/No answer	3%

		African- Americans
d.	Making prescription drugs more affordable	
	Extremely important	83%
	Very important	14%
	Somewhat important	0%
	Not very important	0%
	Not at all important	0%
	Missing/No answer	3%
		African- Americans
e.	Ensuring affordable health care coverage	
	Extremely important	83%
	Very important	12%
	Somewhat important	1%
	Not very important	0%
	Not at all important	0%
	Missing/No answer	4%
		African- Americans
f.	Making it easier to take your current health care coverage with you when you change jobs	
	Extremely important	60%
	Very important	18%
	Somewhat important	6%
	Not very important	2%
	Not at all important	7%
	Missing/No answer	7%

Health Care Information

15. Information regarding doctors, hospitals, and health insurance plans is available in different places. The State of Florida operates web sites that provide health care information. Have you ever used the Internet web site – Florida Compare Care (<http://www.floridacomparecare.gov/>) – to get information regarding doctors, hospitals, or health insurance plans?

	African- Americans
Yes	15%
No	81%
Not sure	3%
Missing/No answer	2%

16. If you want to find information about doctors, hospitals, or health plans, how likely would you be to do each of the following?

a.	Contact someone at your health plan, or refer to materials provided by the plan	African-Americans
	Extremely likely	43%
	Very likely	34%
	Somewhat likely	9%
	Not very likely	4%
	Not at all likely	3%
	Missing/No answer	8%
b.	Ask a family member, co-worker, neighbor, or friend	African-Americans
	Extremely likely	28%
	Very likely	32%
	Somewhat likely	16%
	Not very likely	8%
	Not at all likely	7%
	Missing/No answer	9%
c.	Refer to a section of a newspaper or magazine that contains information	African-Americans
	Extremely likely	9%
	Very likely	12%
	Somewhat likely	20%
	Not very likely	26%
	Not at all likely	23%
	Missing/No answer	10%
d.	Order a printed booklet with information	African-Americans
	Extremely likely	16%
	Very likely	19%
	Somewhat likely	21%
	Not very likely	17%
	Not at all likely	17%
	Missing/No answer	10%

		African- Americans
e.	Go online to an Internet web site that posts information	
	Extremely likely	21%
	Very likely	18%
	Somewhat likely	17%
	Not very likely	13%
	Not at all likely	20%
	Missing/No answer	10%
		African- Americans
f.	Contact a state or local agency for information	
	Extremely likely	20%
	Very likely	23%
	Somewhat likely	18%
	Not very likely	16%
	Not at all likely	15%
	Missing/No answer	8%

17. Sometimes when people receive medical care, an error can result in serious harm, such as death, disability, or additional or prolonged treatment. Some of these errors may be preventable. Have you or a family member ever been involved in a situation where a preventable medical error has occurred? Check all that apply.

	African- Americans
Yes, in my own care	6%
Yes, in a family member's care	13%
Yes, in both my own care and my family member's care	3%
No	60%
Not sure	13%
Missing/No answer	4%

18. In Florida, are the following groups or individuals responsible for preventing medical errors in hospitals, clinics, and other health care facilities?

		African- Americans
a.	Doctors	
	Yes	79%
	No	2%
	Not sure	13%
	Missing/No answer	6%

b.	Nurses	African- Americans
	Yes	73%
	No	3%
	Not sure	15%
	Missing/No answer	9%
c.	Pharmacists	African- Americans
	Yes	68%
	No	4%
	Not sure	17%
	Missing/No answer	11%
d.	Other health care providers	African- Americans
	Yes	57%
	No	8%
	Not sure	24%
	Missing/No answer	11%
e.	Individual patients	African- Americans
	Yes	42%
	No	19%
	Not sure	23%
	Missing/No answer	15%
f.	Government	African- Americans
	Yes	47%
	No	13%
	Not sure	27%
	Missing/No answer	13%
g.	Hospitals	African- Americans
	Yes	74%
	No	4%
	Not sure	14%
	Missing/No answer	8%

		African- Americans
h. Insurance companies		
	Yes	42%
	No	19%
	Not sure	26%
	Missing/No answer	12%
i. Other (please specify: _____)		African- Americans
	Yes	5%
	No	7%
	Not sure	30%
	Missing/No answer	58%

About You

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

19. How would you rate your overall health today?

	African- Americans
Excellent	7%
Very good	23%
Good	42%
Fair	22%
Poor	3%
Missing/No answer	3%

20. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

	African- Americans
Yes	31%
No	66%
Missing/No answer	4%

21. Are you male or female?

	African- Americans
Male	35%
Female	62%
Missing/No answer	3%

22. What is your age as of your last birthday? _____ (in years)

**African-
Americans**

50-59	38%
60-69	35%
70+	24%
Missing/No answer	3%

23. What is your 5-digit ZIP Code? (Write in your ZIP CODE): _____

24. Do you own or rent your residence?

**African-
Americans**

Own	74%
Rent	22%
Not sure	3%
Missing/No answer	1%

25. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

**African-
Americans**

One	27%
Two	43%
Three	13%
Four	7%
Five	5%
Six	2%
Seven or more	1%
Missing/No answer	3%

26. What is your current marital status?

**African-
Americans**

Married	41%
Not married, living with partner	1%
Separated	4%
Divorced	25%
Widowed	18%
Never married	9%
Missing/No answer	3%

27. What is the highest level of education that you completed?

	African- Americans
0-12 th grade (no diploma)	16%
High school graduate (or equivalent)	25%
Post-high school education (no degree)	16%
2-year college degree	11%
4-year college degree	9%
Post-graduate study (no degree)	6%
Graduate or professional degree	11%
Missing/No answer	6%

28. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

	African- Americans
Self-employed, part-time	2%
Self-employed, full-time	2%
Employed, part-time	10%
Employed, full-time	30%
Retired, not working at all	41%
Not in labor force for other reasons	8%
Unemployed, but looking for work	6%
Missing/No answer	3%

29. What is your race?

	African- Americans
White or Caucasian	0%
Black or African American	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	0%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%
Other	0%
Missing/No answer	0%

30. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

	African- Americans
Yes	5%
No	85%
Missing/No answer	10%

31. Thinking about your state elections for Florida Governor and Legislators in the last ten years, how often would you say you vote?

	African- Americans
Always	69%
Most of the time	20%
About half of the time	2%
Seldom	5%
Never	4%
Missing/No answer	<0.5%

32. How interested are you in state government activities that affect residents age 50 and older?

	African- Americans
Extremely interested	57%
Very interested	27%
Somewhat interested	11%
Not very interested	2%
Not at all interested	1%
Not sure	2%
Missing/No answer	1%

33. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

	African- Americans
Democrat	86%
Republican	3%
Independent	5%
Something else	2%
Not sure	3%
Missing/No answer	2%

34. In the last 12 months, have you accessed the Internet from your home or work or from some other source such as your local library?

	African- Americans
Yes	53%
No SKIP TO QUESTION 36	40%
Missing/No answer	7%

35. In the last 12 months, have you visited any of AARP's Internet/Web sites (aarp.org, AARPmagazine.org, etc.)? (n=176)

	African- Americans
Yes	42%
No	55%
Missing/No answer	2%

36. What was your annual household income before taxes in 2006?

	African- Americans
Less than \$10,000	11%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18%
\$20,000 to \$34,999	21%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7%
\$100,000 or more	5%
Not sure	8%
Missing/No answer	7%

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