

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 members age 50-64 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 959 AARP members age 50 to 64 years. A weighted, annotated survey of their responses is found on page 6.

SURVEY-IN-BRIEF

- **Most AARP members age 50-64 believe all Florida residents should have access to basic health care.**
 - ✓ 93 percent also say it is important for Florida's Governor and State Legislature to ensure affordable health care coverage and 90 percent say it is important to improve access to health care services and providers.
 - ✓ 94 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.

- **More than one in four AARP members age 50-64 has experienced a preventable medical error.**
 - ✓ 6 percent say they have personally experienced a medical error.
 - ✓ 19 percent say a family member has been a victim of a medical error.
 - ✓ 2 percent have both personally experienced a medical error as well as had a family member who has experienced one.

- **Seven in ten AARP members age 50-64 perceive the health care system in Florida as needing fundamental changes or needing to be completely re-built.**
 - ✓ In the last year, 20 percent say that paying their medical expenses has been a major problem. 33 percent say it has been a minor problem.
 - ✓ In the last three years, 30 percent say they have had to forgo buying something they needed because of their medical expenses.

- **Most AARP members age 50-64 believe that everyone, including employers, government, and individuals, should contribute financially to a system that provides affordable, quality health care to all Florida residents.**
 - ✓ 85 percent say it is important for Florida's Governor and State Legislature to expand coverage for the uninsured and the under-insured.
 - ✓ 83 percent also say it is extremely or very important for Florida to increase the number of residents who have health insurance coverage.

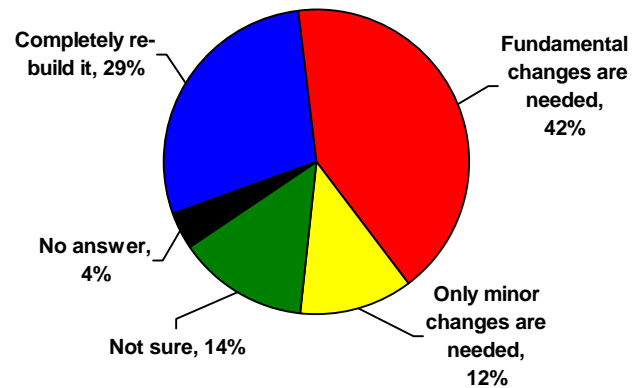
With nearly 2,841,000 uninsured adults (age 19 to 64) in Florida and health care costs continuing to rise, the issue of having access to affordable, quality health care in Florida is at the forefront of many members' minds. This survey examines the opinions, concerns, worries, and experiences of AARP members about health care in Florida.

**MOST AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64
BELIEVE HEALTH CARE IN FLORIDA NEEDS
TO BE FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED OR
COMPLETELY RE-BUILT**

Seven in ten members age 50-64 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 one in seven is unsure of what is needed.

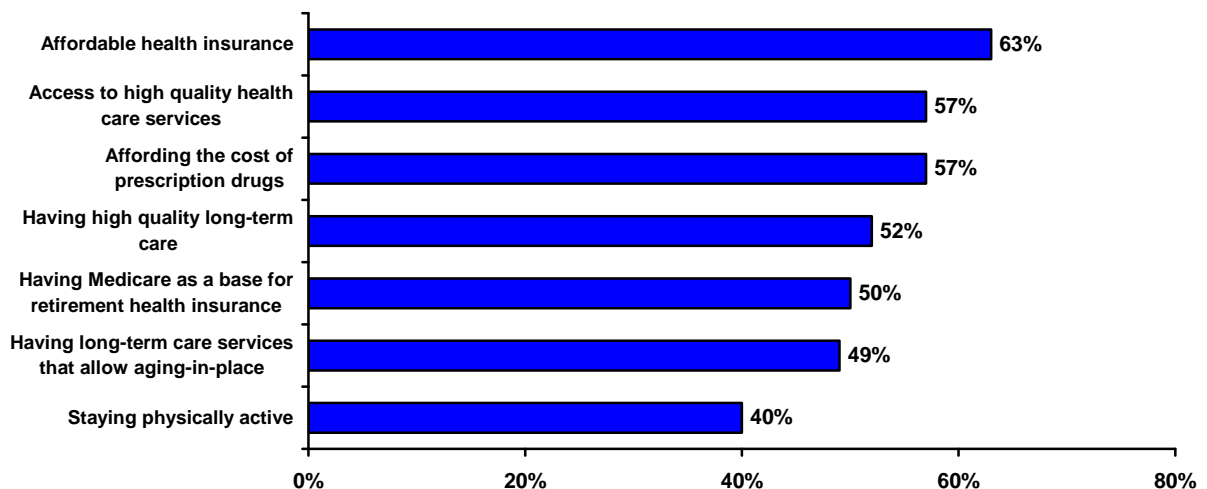
- ✓ Members age 50-64 are less likely to say only minor changes are needed (12%) compared to members 65+ (20%).
- ✓ Retirees age 50-64 are more likely to say only minor changes are needed (20%) compared to 12 percent of working members.

**Member Perception of Florida's
Health Care System
(n=959)**



**MOST AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64 ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT AFFORDING
HEALTH INSURANCE, HAVING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES,
AFFORDING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND HAVING HIGH QUALITY LONG-TERM
CARE**

Health Care Related Extreme Concerns (n=959)



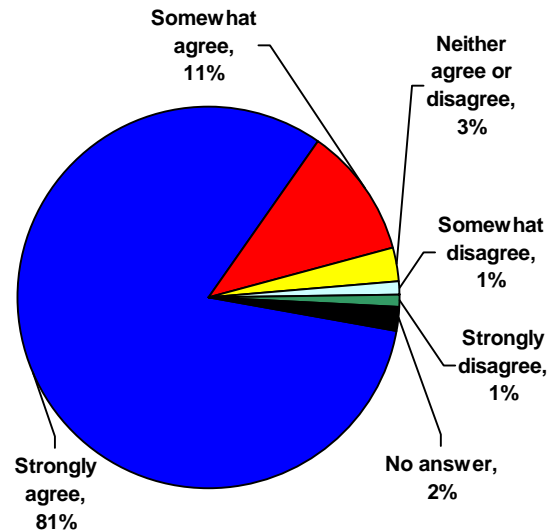
NEARLY ALL AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64 BELIEVE ALL FLORIDA RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTH CARE

Ninety-three percent of members age 50-64 believe that everyone, that is all Florida residents, should have access to basic health care.

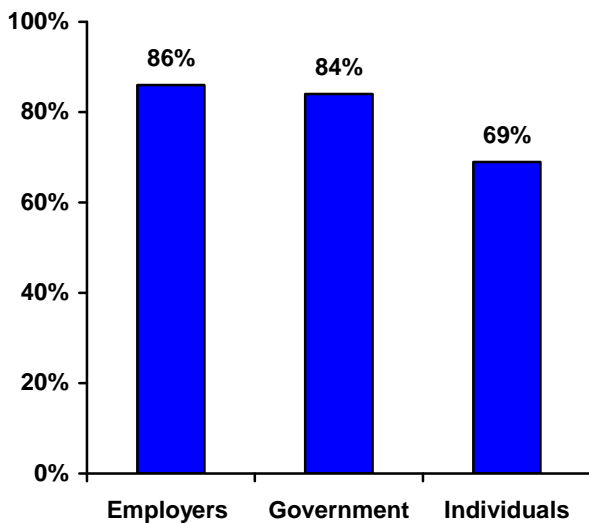
Nearly all members also say it is extremely or very important that Florida’s Governor and State Legislature work on

- ✓ Making prescription drugs more affordable (94%)
- ✓ Ensuring affordable health care coverage (93%)
- ✓ Improving access to health care services and providers (90%)

Agreement that All Florida Residents Should Have Access to Basic Health Care (n=959)



Who Should Contribute to a Health Care System That Provides Everyone with Basic Health Care (n=959)



AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64 SAY GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

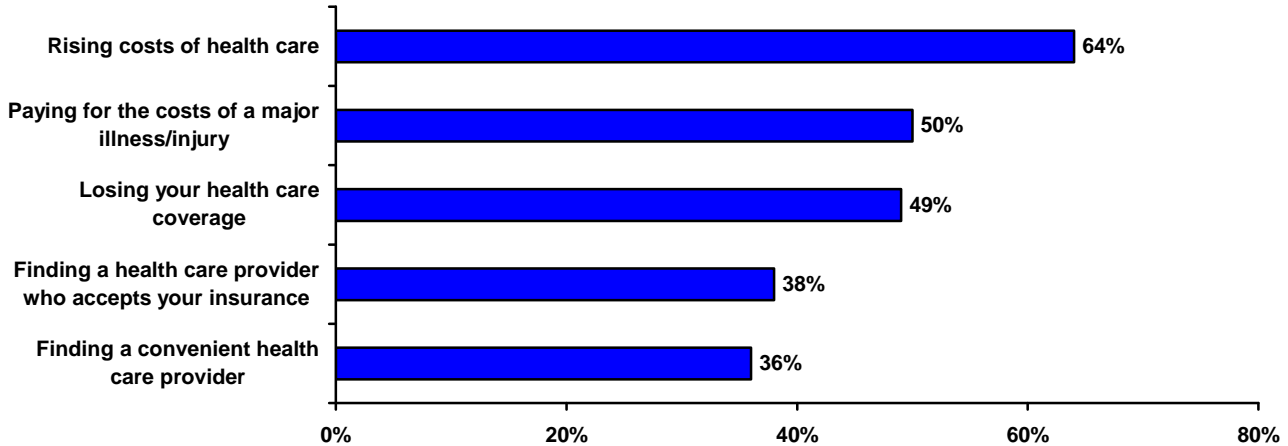
Over eight in ten members age 50-64 agree that the federal and state government as well as employers should contribute financially so that everyone can have access to affordable, quality health care. Nearly seven in ten say that individuals should also contribute financially.

Additionally, three in four 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 (75%).

Eighty-three percent of members age 50-64 also say that it is extremely or very important for Florida to increase the number of residents who have health insurance coverage.

AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64 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 Members Age 50-64 About Their Health Care (n=959)



- ✓ Only 25 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, 20 percent of members say that paying their medical expenses has been a major problem – 33 percent say it has been a minor problem.
- ✓ In the last three years, 30 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.

AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64 ARE MOST LIKELY TO TURN TO SOMEONE AT THEIR HEALTH PLAN OR PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DOCTORS, HOSPITALS, OR HEALTH PLANS

	(n=959)		
	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Somewhat Likely</u>	<u>Not Likely</u>
Contact someone at your health plan/refer to plan materials	75%	12%	9%
Ask a family member, co-worker, neighbor, or friend	67%	16%	13%
Go online to an Internet web site	56%	19%	20%
Contact a state or local agency	34%	24%	38%
Order a printed booklet	32%	25%	38%
Refer to a section of a newspaper/magazine	17%	21%	57%

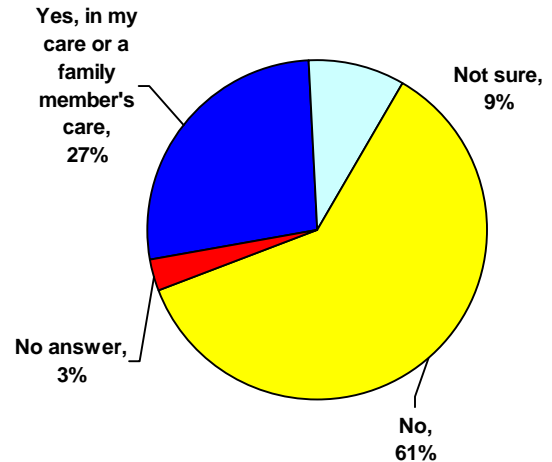
- ✓ 14 percent of members say they have used the State of Florida web site, *Florida Compare Care*, to get information about doctors, hospitals, or health insurance plans.

ONE IN FOUR AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64 HAS EXPERIENCED A PREVENTABLE MEDICAL ERROR

Six percent of members age 50-64 say they have experienced a preventable medical error in their own care, 19 percent say a family member has been a victim of a preventable medical error, and 2 percent have experienced an error in their own care as well as in a family member’s care.

Nearly all members age 50-64 say it is extremely or very important that Florida’s Governor and State Legislature work on improving health care quality and reducing medical errors (93%).

Have Experienced a Preventable Medical Error (n=959)



AARP MEMBERS AGE 50-64 ARE TAKING PROACTIVE STEPS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR MEDICATIONS AND SAFEGUARD THEIR HEALTH

About six in ten have

- ✓ Checked the medication from pharmacist with the prescription the doctor wrote (65%)
- ✓ Talked to doctor or pharmacist about the proper use of new drug – how and when to take it, side effects, other drug interactions (65%)
- ✓ Brought a list of current medications, including nonprescription ones, to doctor appointments (62%)
- ✓ Asked for generic medications instead of brand name drugs (62%)

At least one in four has

- ✓ Created their own set of medical records (34%)
- ✓ Brought a friend or relative to a doctor’s appointment so they can help ask questions and understand what the doctor is saying (27%)

Eighty percent describe their health as excellent, very good, or good. Eighteen percent say it is fair or poor.

Twenty-seven 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

Members Age 50-64 Years Weighted Annotation (n=959)

(Percentages are rounded to the 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.

a.	Having Social Security as a base for retirement income	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	53%
	Very concerned	23%
	Somewhat concerned	16%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	3%
	Missing/No answer	3%
b.	Affording the cost of prescription drugs	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	57%
	Very concerned	25%
	Somewhat concerned	10%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	2%
c.	Staying physically active	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	40%
	Very concerned	35%
	Somewhat concerned	16%
	Not very concerned	4%
	Not at all concerned	1%
	Missing/No answer	3%

d.	Facing age discrimination in employment	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	26%
	Very concerned	18%
	Somewhat concerned	25%
	Not very concerned	17%
	Not at all concerned	12%
	Missing/No answer	2%
e.	Affording my housing costs	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	48%
	Very concerned	21%
	Somewhat concerned	18%
	Not very concerned	7%
	Not at all concerned	3%
	Missing/No answer	3%
f.	Having high quality long-term care for myself or a family member	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	52%
	Very concerned	26%
	Somewhat concerned	15%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	1%
	Missing/No answer	2%
g.	Becoming a victim of identity theft or having my identity stolen	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	41%
	Very concerned	24%
	Somewhat concerned	22%
	Not very concerned	9%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	2%
h.	Having Medicare as a base for retirement health insurance	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	50%
	Very concerned	29%
	Somewhat concerned	13%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	3%

i.	Affording the cost of my utility services	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	36%
	Very concerned	27%
	Somewhat concerned	23%
	Not very concerned	9%
	Not at all concerned	3%
	Missing/No answer	3%
j.	Having long-term care services that would allow me or a family member to stay at home for as long as possible	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	49%
	Very concerned	30%
	Somewhat concerned	13%
	Not very concerned	4%
	Not at all concerned	1%
	Missing/No answer	2%
k.	Affording health insurance	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	63%
	Very concerned	23%
	Somewhat concerned	8%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	2%
l.	Assuring my pension benefits and retirement savings are safe	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	59%
	Very concerned	20%
	Somewhat concerned	11%
	Not very concerned	4%
	Not at all concerned	3%
	Missing/No answer	3%
m.	Access to high quality health care services	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely concerned	57%
	Very concerned	25%
	Somewhat concerned	11%
	Not very concerned	3%
	Not at all concerned	1%
	Missing/No answer	3%

		Members Age 50-64 Years
n.	Having good employment opportunities	
	Extremely concerned	26%
	Very concerned	23%
	Somewhat concerned	23%
	Not very concerned	15%
	Not at all concerned	11%
	Missing/No answer	3%
		Members Age 50-64 Years
o.	Having enough money to meet daily living expenses	
	Extremely concerned	55%
	Very concerned	20%
	Somewhat concerned	15%
	Not very concerned	7%
	Not at all concerned	2%
	Missing/No answer	2%

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.

	Members Age 50-64 Years
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.	42%
Our health care system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it.	29%
Not sure	14%
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?

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	84%
No SKIP TO QUESTION 6	11%
Not sure SKIP TO QUESTION 6	1%
Missing/No answer	4%

4. Do you have health care coverage through the following sources? (n=806)

	Members Age 50-64 Years
a. Through current employer	
Yes	50%
No	37%
Not sure	<0.5%
Missing/No answer	13%
b. Through your spouse's employer	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	16%
No	64%
Not sure	<0.5%
Missing/No answer	20%
c. Through a previous employer or spouse's employer (may be a retirement benefit)	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	24%
No	57%
Not sure	1%
Missing/No answer	19%
d. On your own, through an individual insurance policy	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	15%
No	63%
Not sure	<0.5%
Missing/No answer	22%
e. Through Medicare, the program that provides health insurance primarily to people age 65 and older and people with disabilities	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	12%
No	65%
Not sure	2%
Missing/No answer	21%
f. Through Medicaid, the program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income individuals	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	3%
No	72%
Not sure	2%
Missing/No answer	24%

		Members Age 50-64 Years
g.	Through Veteran's Administration or military benefits	
	Yes	10%
	No	67%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	22%

		Members Age 50-64 Years
h.	Through some other program (Please specify: _____)	
	Yes	4%
	No	70%
	Not sure	2%
	Missing/No answer	25%

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=806)

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Extremely confident	8%
Very confident	17%
Somewhat confident	35%
Not very confident	24%
Not at all confident	13%
Missing/No answer	4%

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

	Members Age 50-64 Years
A major problem	20%
A minor problem	33%
Not a problem	44%
Not sure	1%
Missing/No answer	3%

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?

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	30%
No	66%
Not sure	2%
Missing/No answer	2%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Extremely important	55%
Very important	28%
Somewhat important	11%
Not very important	2%
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?

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Extremely important	73%
Very important	18%
Somewhat important	4%
Not very important	1%
Not at all important	1%
Missing/No answer	2%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Strongly agree	81%
Somewhat agree	11%
Neither agree nor disagree	3%
Somewhat disagree	1%
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	Members Age 50-64 Years
Strongly agree	71%
Somewhat agree	15%
Neither agree nor disagree	4%
Somewhat disagree	1%
Strongly disagree	2%
Missing/No answer	7%

b. Individuals		Members Age 50-64 Years
Strongly agree		40%
Somewhat agree		29%
Neither agree nor disagree		13%
Somewhat disagree		4%
Strongly disagree		4%
Missing/No answer		11%

c. Government		Members Age 50-64 Years
Strongly agree		68%
Somewhat agree		16%
Neither agree nor disagree		5%
Somewhat disagree		2%
Strongly disagree		4%
Missing/No answer		6%

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

a. Rising costs of health care, including out-of-pocket expenses, co-payments, and insurance premiums		Members Age 50-64 Years
Extremely worried		64%
Very worried		19%
Somewhat worried		12%
Not very worried		1%
Not at all worried		1%
Not sure		<0.5%
Missing/No answer		3%

b. Finding a health care provider that is convenient to you		Members Age 50-64 Years
Extremely worried		36%
Very worried		20%
Somewhat worried		20%
Not very worried		17%
Not at all worried		5%
Not sure		<0.5%
Missing/No answer		4%

	Members Age 50-64 Years
c. Finding a health care provider who accepts your insurance	
Extremely worried	38%
Very worried	18%
Somewhat worried	19%
Not very worried	16%
Not at all worried	5%
Not sure	1%
Missing/No answer	4%
	Members Age 50-64 Years
d. Losing your health care coverage or insurance	
Extremely worried	49%
Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	15%
Not very worried	13%
Not at all worried	5%
Not sure	1%
Missing/No answer	4%
	Members Age 50-64 Years
e. Switching jobs because you might have to change or lose your current health insurance coverage	
Extremely worried	20%
Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	12%
Not very worried	17%
Not at all worried	30%
Not sure	5%
Missing/No answer	5%
	Members Age 50-64 Years
f. Paying for costs associated with a major illness or injury	
Extremely worried	50%
Very worried	18%
Somewhat worried	18%
Not very worried	8%
Not at all worried	4%
Not sure	<0.5%
Missing/No answer	2%

g.	Reductions in employer-sponsored health coverage for workers and families	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely worried	41%
	Very worried	21%
	Somewhat worried	17%
	Not very worried	7%
	Not at all worried	8%
	Not sure	3%
	Missing/No answer	4%

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	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	27%
	No	71%
	Not sure	<0.5%
	Missing/No answer	2%
b.	Brought a list of all the medications you were taking, including non-prescription drugs, to a doctor's appointment	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	62%
	No	36%
	Not sure	<0.5%
	Missing/No answer	2%
c.	Checked the medication that a pharmacist gave you with the prescription that your doctor wrote	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	65%
	No	32%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	1%
d.	Created your own set of medical records to ensure that you and all of your health care providers have all your medical records	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	34%
	No	63%
	Not sure	2%
	Missing/No answer	2%

e.	Asked your health care provider to prescribe you generic medications instead of name brand drugs	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	62%
	No	35%
	Not sure	1%
	Missing/No answer	2%
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	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	65%
	No	34%
	Not sure	<0.5%
	Missing/No answer	1%

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	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely important	72%
	Very important	21%
	Somewhat important	5%
	Not very important	1%
	Not at all important	<0.5%
	Missing/No answer	1%
b.	Improving access to health care services and providers	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely important	68%
	Very important	22%
	Somewhat important	7%
	Not very important	1%
	Not at all important	1%
	Missing/No answer	2%
c.	Expanding coverage for the uninsured and under-insured	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely important	65%
	Very important	20%
	Somewhat important	10%
	Not very important	3%
	Not at all important	1%
	Missing/No answer	2%

	Members Age 50-64 Years
d. Making prescription drugs more affordable	
Extremely important	77%
Very important	17%
Somewhat important	4%
Not very important	1%
Not at all important	<0.5%
Missing/No answer	1%
e. Ensuring affordable health care coverage	Members Age 50-64 Years
Extremely important	77%
Very important	16%
Somewhat important	3%
Not very important	1%
Not at all important	<0.5%
Missing/No answer	2%
f. Making it easier to take your current health care coverage with you when you change jobs	Members Age 50-64 Years
Extremely important	55%
Very important	20%
Somewhat important	10%
Not very important	6%
Not at all important	6%
Missing/No answer	3%

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?

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	14%
No	83%
Not sure	1%
Missing/No answer	1%

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	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely likely	42%
	Very likely	33%
	Somewhat likely	12%
	Not very likely	7%
	Not at all likely	3%
	Missing/No answer	4%
b.	Ask a family member, co-worker, neighbor, or friend	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely likely	30%
	Very likely	37%
	Somewhat likely	16%
	Not very likely	9%
	Not at all likely	4%
	Missing/No answer	4%
c.	Refer to a section of a newspaper or magazine that contains information	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely likely	6%
	Very likely	10%
	Somewhat likely	21%
	Not very likely	38%
	Not at all likely	19%
	Missing/No answer	6%
d.	Order a printed booklet with information	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Extremely likely	14%
	Very likely	18%
	Somewhat likely	25%
	Not very likely	26%
	Not at all likely	13%
	Missing/No answer	5%

e. Go online to an Internet web site that posts information	Members Age 50-64 Years
Extremely likely	30%
Very likely	26%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	12%
Not at all likely	8%
Missing/No answer	4%

f. Contact a state or local agency for information	Members Age 50-64 Years
Extremely likely	14%
Very likely	20%
Somewhat likely	24%
Not very likely	25%
Not at all likely	12%
Missing/No answer	5%

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.

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes, in my own care	6%
Yes, in a family member's care	19%
Yes, in my own care and in my family member's care	2%
No	61%
Not sure	9%
Missing/No answer	3%

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

a. Doctors	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	83%
No	2%
Not sure	11%
Missing/No answer	4%

b.	Nurses	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	81%
	No	2%
	Not sure	12%
	Missing/No answer	4%
c.	Pharmacists	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	75%
	No	4%
	Not sure	15%
	Missing/No answer	6%
d.	Other health care providers	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	65%
	No	7%
	Not sure	22%
	Missing/No answer	6%
e.	Individual patients	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	54%
	No	21%
	Not sure	20%
	Missing/No answer	6%
f.	Government	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	47%
	No	24%
	Not sure	24%
	Missing/No answer	6%
g.	Hospitals	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	82%
	No	2%
	Not sure	11%
	Missing/No answer	5%

		Members Age 50-64 Years
h.	Insurance companies	
	Yes	45%
	No	24%
	Not sure	25%
	Missing/No answer	6%
i.	Other (please specify:_____)	Members Age 50-64 Years
	Yes	5%
	No	8%
	Not sure	22%
	Missing/No answer	65%

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?

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Excellent	12%
Very good	34%
Good	33%
Fair	14%
Poor	4%
Missing/No answer	2%

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

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	27%
No	71%
Missing/No answer	2%

21. Are you male or female?

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Male	48%
Female	50%
Missing/No answer	2%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

50-59	62%
60-64	38%
Missing/No answer	0%

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

24. Do you own or rent your residence?

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Own	82%
Rent	16%
Not sure	1%
Missing/No answer	1%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

One	22%
Two	52%
Three	15%
Four	6%
Five	3%
Six	1%
Seven or more	1%
Missing/No answer	1%

26. What is your current marital status?

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Married	60%
Not married, living with partner	5%
Separated	2%
Divorced	21%
Widowed	6%
Never married	6%
Missing/No answer	1%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

0-12 th grade (no diploma)	7%
High school graduate (or equivalent)	21%
Post-high school education (no degree)	21%
2-year college degree	16%
4-year college degree	11%
Post-graduate study (no degree)	5%
Graduate or professional degree	16%
Missing/No answer	3%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Self-employed, part-time	4%
Self-employed, full-time	8%
Employed, part-time	7%
Employed, full-time	42%
Retired, not working at all	24%
Not in labor force for other reasons	8%
Unemployed, but looking for work	4%
Missing/No answer	3%

29. What is your race?

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

White or Caucasian	67%
Black or African American	20%
American Indian or Alaska Native	<0.5%
Asian	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	<0.5%
Other	9%
Missing/No answer	2%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Yes	20%
No	77%
Missing/No answer	4%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Always	58%
Most of the time	22%
About half of the time	5%
Seldom	5%
Never	9%
Missing/No answer	1%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Extremely interested	51%
Very interested	29%
Somewhat interested	15%
Not very interested	2%
Not at all interested	2%
Not sure	2%
Missing/No answer	1%

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

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Democrat	46%
Republican	24%
Independent	17%
Something else	4%
Not sure	6%
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?

**Members Age
50-64 Years**

Yes	81%
No SKIP TO QUESTION 36	16%
Missing/No answer	3%

35. In the last 12 months, have you visited any of AARP's Internet/Web sites (aarp.org, AARPmagazine.org, etc.)? (n=777)

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Yes	45%
No	53%
Missing/No answer	2%

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

	Members Age 50-64 Years
Less than \$10,000	3%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	8%
\$20,000 to \$34,999	16%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	10%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	13%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13%
\$100,000 or more	12%
Not sure	4%
Missing/No answer	5%

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