

REPORT:

# Arizona Families Highly Concerned with Rising Healthcare Costs Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

## A new survey of likely Arizona voters

found a rapidly growing healthcare cost crisis. The results are staggering – hundreds of thousands of Arizonans are unable to afford treatment for health problems or medications prescribed by a doctor. Arizonans who lack health coverage often delay seeking care from the doctor. Cost barriers prevent them from getting treatment and being able to afford prescription drugs – all realities that could lead to worse health outcomes, especially during the pandemic.



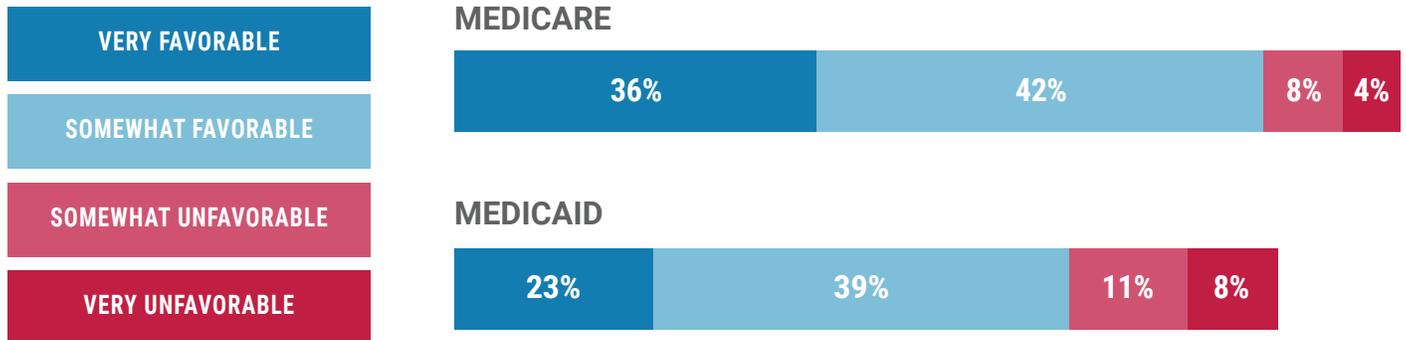
## KEY FINDINGS

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:

 <p>More than 675,000 Arizonans have experienced the death of a friend or family member in the past 5 years because they couldn't afford the necessary medical treatment for their illness.</p>	<p><b>675K</b> Arizonans</p>	 <p>Roughly 400,000 Arizona families have lost insurance coverage due to the economic shutdown brought on by the pandemic.</p>	<p><b>400K</b> Arizona Families</p>
 <p>In the last year, nearly 1,750,000 Arizona families did not seek treatment for a health problem due to cost of care.</p>	<p><b>1.75M</b> Arizona Families</p>	 <p>On balance, 60% of Arizonans prefer a public official who will prioritize bringing down healthcare costs vs. only 33% who would prefer a public official who will prioritize economic growth by cutting taxes and regulation.</p>	<p><b>60%</b> of Arizonans</p>
 <p>Roughly 1,185,000 could not pay for drugs or medicine that a doctor prescribed.</p>	<p><b>1.18M</b> Arizonans</p>	 <p>Healthcare costs are going up for over 3 out of 4 Arizona families.</p>	<p><b>75%</b> of Arizona Families</p>

## MEDICARE AND MEDICAID REMAIN POPULAR IN ARIZONA.

78% of Arizona voters have a favorable view of Medicare (compared to 12% unfavorable) and 62% have a favorable view of Medicaid (compared to 19% unfavorable).



*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 AT WEST HEALTH

### METHODOLOGY

The findings are from a multi-channel survey of 600 likely general election voters in Arizona between August 20 – 30, 2020. 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 for the survey at 95% confidence interval overall is +/- 4% within each state.

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