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Support for Medicaid Coverage of Abortion Is Growing

New national polling from Abortion Access Now, conducted by Hart Research and fielded from September 11th through the 15th, finds that people increasingly support Medicaid coverage of abortion, and they support members of Congress who take that position. Two-thirds of respondents now favor Medicaid coverage of all pregnancy-related care, including abortion. Support is up five points since 2019, when a comparable survey was fielded before the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, while opposition has fallen five points.

The findings reflect values shared across party lines: people should be free to make deeply personal decisions based on their own beliefs and circumstances, without political interference or financial barriers.

Support is strong and growing across demographics

Across political affiliations and key constituencies, people share a fundamental belief: personal health care decisions should not depend on someone's income or be subject to political interference. Support is not only broad but deeply held—42% of respondents **strongly favor** Medicaid coverage of abortion, up four points since 2019.

Medicaid coverage of abortion is supported by 87% of Democrats, 70% of Independents, 52% of non-MAGA Republicans, 72% of swing voters, 71% of suburban women, 73% of Black voters, and 74% of Latino voters. Since 2019, support has risen 10 points among Independents and seven points among voters identified as swing voters.

People believe income should not determine access to care

No matter what type of insurance someone has or how much money they earn, they should be able to get the health care they need. 83% of respondents agree that politicians should not deny someone health coverage for abortion because they are struggling financially. 79% agree that every woman should be able to receive the full range of reproductive health care, including abortion, whether she has private or government-funded insurance.

These numbers hold up in a direct, head-to-head comparison. By a nearly two-to-one margin (62% to 33%), people side with the statement that politicians should not deny insurance coverage because a person is struggling financially, over the false opposition message that taxpayer-funded coverage forces people to pay for abortions they oppose.

The Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH) Act would end federal abortion coverage restrictions, including the Hyde Amendment, and ensure that Medicaid and other federal health

programs cover abortion care regardless of income or source of insurance. Led by Rep. Ayanna Pressley in the House of Representatives, the EACH Act ([H.R. 4611](#)) has a historic number of 202 cosponsors in the 119th Congress.

Values-based messages have become more convincing since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*

Messages that connect abortion coverage to personal decision-making, economic security, and family well-being are stronger than they were in 2019, and considerably more convincing than messages in support of the Hyde Amendment. Three of the messages tested have gained considerable traction since last tested in 2019, with the proportion rating them as “very convincing” increasing by 10 points or more:

- An economic-security message reached 59%, up 10 points;
- A message about family and community well-being was rated highly convincing by 60%, up 11 points from 2019; and
- A message calling out political hypocrisy reached 52%, up 11 points.

We also tested a new message centered on allowing people to make decisions with their family and according to their faith, free from political interference, which also reached 60%.

People view support for abortion coverage favorably

When asked how their representative’s support for Medicaid coverage of abortion would affect their views, 54% said it would make them more favorable; in contrast, 31% say less favorable, a 23-point advantage. Since 2019, the more-favorable share has risen four points, and the less-favorable share has fallen six points.

Across a range of important constituencies, majorities report that they will view their representative more favorably if they support Medicaid coverage of abortion, including 57% of independents, 54% of swing voters, 61% of suburban women, 60% of Black voters, 63% of Latino voters, and 53% of Catholics. For policymakers, being proactive on coverage aligns with public sentiment.

For many, these shifts align with a broad disapproval of overturning *Roe*. Three in five (59%) disagree with the Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*; 44% STRONGLY disagree. States passing laws that place greater restrictions on abortion are out of step with what the public wants. Nearly three in five (58%) believe that this trend is bad for our country—a 7-point increase from 2019.

Taken together, these findings show that congressional support for Medicaid coverage of abortion aligns with the views of a growing majority of the public, and is more likely to improve than diminish constituents’ views of their representatives.

Methodology: Hart Research conducted an online national survey of 1,023 registered voters from September 11 to 15, 2026. Trend comparisons are to a national survey of 1,413 registered voters conducted August 28 to September 6, 2019. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. [Read more here.](#)