

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF MOBILE COUNTY HCR Survey Results Summary

- **80%** want to preserve the system of competing private health plans
- **92%** do not want a government run single-payer system
- **76%** support a health insurance exchange
- **50%** believe physician driven over utilization is part of the health care cost problem
- **80%** believe patient driven demand is part of the cost problem
- **89%** believe physicians practicing defensive medicine is part of cost problem
- **97%** believe health system reform must include medical liability reform

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Details of HCR Survey

1. **80%** male respondents
20% female respondents
2. **51%** in practice > 20 years
31% in practice 6-20 years
18% in practice < 5 years
3. **38%** in solo or small group
34% in small practice (6-25 doctors)
10% in medium practice (26-150 doctors)
8% University doctors
10% other
4. **40%** specialists
25% primary care
11% Ob-gyn
24% other
5. **83%** oppose HR 3200
6. **80%** believe we should preserve the system of competing private health plans
7. **92%** oppose a government run single-payer system
5% support it
8. **23%** support the shift to a combination of a private health plan system and a public option (defines as a government run but not government subsidized competitor of the private plans)
62% oppose this plan
9. **47%** support an individual mandate that everyone must purchase catastrophic health insurance
34% oppose this
10. **48%** oppose a mandate that employers (>10 employees) purchase health insurance for their employees
24% support it
11. **24%** support an individual mandate that everyone must purchase comprehensive health insurance
58% oppose it
12. **76%** support the creation of a health insurance exchange to allow the uninsured or small business employees (<10 employees) to purchase health insurance.

13. **51%** agree that taxing **all** Americans is an option for covering the cost of the under or uninsured
14. **85%** are in favor of insurance health system reform that prohibits denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions
52% are in favor of insurance health system reform that forces health plans to demonstrate adequate physician networks
40% are in favor of limiting health insurance company profit and overhead to 15%
31% are in favor of establishing community ratings, wherein premiums are only based on age and geographic location
15. **87%** respondents accepted Medicare
13% did not
16. **38%** reported Medicare reimbursements were poor
17. Absent any changes in Medicare rates, **45%** reported they would continue to see Medicare patients
18% reported they had no choice
28% reported they would not increase their Medicare load, and would reduce or eliminate their Medicare patient load
18. **61%** respondent accepted Medicaid
38% did not
19. **45%** reported Medicaid reimbursements were inadequate
20. Absent any changes in Medicaid rates, **22%** reported they would continue to see Medicaid patients
27% reported they would not increase their Medicaid load, and would reduce or eliminate their Medicaid patient load
21. **42%** agreed that physician driven over-utilization is part of the cost problem
41% disagree with this
22. **80%** agreed that patient driven demand is part of the cost problem
23. **89%** agree that physicians practicing defensive medicine is part of the cost problem
24. **97%** agree that health system reform must include meaningful medical liability reform