

Healthcare Affordability Burdens in PA

Using the Healthcare Value Hub's CHES Survey

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General Assembly Composition

House

2014:
119 to 84 (R)

2016:
121 to 82 +2 R

2018:
110 to 93 +11 D

Senate

2014:
31 to 19 (R)

2016:
34 to 16 +3 R

2018:
29 to 21 +5 D

Legislative Attempts

Surprise Medical Bills

- 2015 – Hearings
- 2016 – SB 1158 Introduced & Hearings
- 2017 – SB 678 Introduced, HB 1553 Passed out of Committee

APCD

- Governor Wolf, \$2M startup approp in 2017-18 budget (not adopted)
- House Bill 1613, Reauthorization of PA Health Care Cost Containment Council was going to include APCD – did not.

- Lawmakers have continued to punt on key issues due to a lack of solid, reliable data
- They agree in principle but don't want "solutions in search of problems"

What was missing?



Key CHES Findings

PENNSYLVANIANS STRUGGLE TO AFFORD HIGH HEALTHCARE COSTS



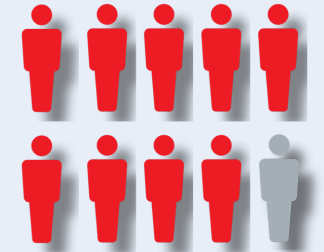
1 in 2

Experienced
healthcare affordability
burdens



4 in 5

Worried about affording
healthcare in the future



9 in 10

Support a broad array
of solutions across
party lines

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Surprise Medical Bills

- Nearly one-third of Pennsylvania adults reported receiving a medical bill with an unexpected expense in the past 12 months.
 - 20 percent: amount charged higher than expected
 - 9 percent: bill from a doctor they didn't expect
- More than three quarters attempted to resolve the matter
- Most paid their bill (60 percent)
- Over one third of expected bills were not resolved satisfactorily, many remain unresolved

Next Steps

- Rolling releases:
 - Affordability: October 2018
 - Health Insurance Literacy: December 2018
 - Surprise Medical Bills: February 2019
- Legislative priorities:
 - Transparency
 - Surprise Medical Bills
 - Short Term Limited Duration Plans
 - Prescription Drug Pricing
- Leverage bipartisan support and the changing General Assembly
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