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Study methodology

Study design

Wilder Research conducted telephone surveys with a random sample of adult Minnesota residents on behalf of the Bush Foundation as part of the Citizen Solutions process undertaken for the bipartisan Minnesota Health Care Reform Task Force. This poll was designed to obtain residents’ input on health and health care reform in Minnesota. The poll included questions about residents’ attitudes toward health, individual and government responsibility for the health of individuals, and priorities for health care reform in Minnesota. See the Appendix for the survey instrument.

Sample and data collection protocol

A sample of 12,500 residential landlines in Minnesota and 7,000 cell phone numbers with Minnesota area codes was purchased from Marketing Systems Group, a national sampling vendor. Any adult who is a resident of Minnesota was eligible to participate. The survey was conducted in English only. Calling was completed between December 6, 2012, and January 13, 2013. Each sampled phone number received up to three call attempts.

Completed surveys

Telephone surveys were completed with a total of 603 adult residents of Minnesota, including 401 completed landline surveys and 202 cell phone surveys. This results in a +/- 5.8 percent margin of error when generalizing to the population. See Figure 1 for final calling dispositions.

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<th>Disposition</th>
<th>Landline</th>
<th>Cell phone</th>
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<td>Total Cases Released:</td>
<td>9,300</td>
<td>3,500</td>
<td>12,800</td>
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<td>Disconnected/Technical Problems</td>
<td>6,116</td>
<td>1,202</td>
<td>7,318</td>
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<td>Not MN resident, too young, not a household, etc.</td>
<td>387</td>
<td>165</td>
<td>552</td>
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<td>Total Ineligible:</td>
<td>6,503</td>
<td>1,367</td>
<td>7,870</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refusal</td>
<td>815</td>
<td>624</td>
<td>1,439</td>
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<td>Break-Off</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Language Barrier</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>Respondent Not Interviewed/Unable to Participate</td>
<td>258</td>
<td>188</td>
<td>446</td>
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<tr>
<td>No Answer All Attempts</td>
<td>1,305</td>
<td>1,089</td>
<td>2,394</td>
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<td>Total Eligible:</td>
<td>2,396</td>
<td>1,931</td>
<td>4,327</td>
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<td>Total Completes:</td>
<td>401</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>603</td>
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Data cleaning and weighting

Survey data are weighted to produce reliable estimates of population parameters. Weighting also compensates for practical limitations of a sample survey, such as differential nonresponse and under-coverage. By taking advantage of demographic information about the target population, weighting can reduce the variability of survey estimates.

The weighting process entails three steps. The first step consists of the computation of design or base weights to reflect any differential selection based on number of phone lines available to the respondent. In the second step, base weights are adjusted so that the resulting weights can aggregate to reported totals for the target population. For this study, survey weights were calculated using the method of Iterative Proportional Fitting, which is commonly referred to as Raking. Finally, adjusted weights are put through a series of quality control checks to detect extreme outliers and to prevent any computational or procedural errors.

Given the sample size and the demographic composition of the adult population of Minnesota, design weights were adjusted by age, gender, race/ethnicity, education level, and location (Hennepin County, Ramsey County, rest of the 7-County metropolitan counties, rest of the State). Survey data for a number of demographic questions, such as race, age, and education, included missing values. All such missing values were first imputed using a hot-deck procedure before construction of the survey weights. The data were weighted against the U.S. Census Bureau’s March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS) 2012 for demographics and the Claritas 2013 projections for the location weighting variable.

Coding was completed to categorize responses to the open-ended questions. See the Appendix for the codebook.
Appendix

Survey instrument

Codebook
**Survey instrument**

**Bush Foundation**  
**Citizens Solutions Health Poll**

**Introduction**

Hello, my name is _______ and I’m calling on behalf of the Bush Foundation. This is not a sales call. We are calling to complete a short survey with you about health and health care in Minnesota.

Am I speaking with an adult age 18 or older?

YES → Continue

NO → If nobody available set callback; if phone not used by any adults, code as ineligible.

The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. It is completely voluntary and confidential. If there are any questions you do not want to answer, just let me know and we'll skip them. The results of the survey will be shared with the Governor's Health Care Reform Task Force and others to help lend a citizen perspective to health and health care policy discussion across the state.

And just to confirm, do you currently live in Minnesota?  
(IF NEEDED: Your phone number was selected at random from all phone numbers with Minnesota area codes.)

YES → Continue

NO → END: I'm sorry. Only Minnesota residents are eligible to participate. Thank you for your time.

**LANDLINE RESPONDENTS:** Is it OK to do the survey now?

**CELL PHONE SAMPLE RESPONDENTS:** I know I have called you on your cell phone. Are you in a comfortable and safe location to do the survey now?

YES → Continue

NO → (Ask for first name and set callback)

Before we begin, I would like to let you know that although the survey is confidential, it may be monitored by my supervisor.

**The first set of questions is about how you define health and what is important to you in terms of staying healthy.**

1. Compared with other people your age, how would you rate your own health? Would you say it is…

   Excellent, ................................................................................................................ 1  
   Very good, .............................................................................................................. 2  
   Good, ..................................................................................................................... 3  
   Fair, or .................................................................................................................... 4  
   Poor? ...................................................................................................................... 5  
   Refused ..................................................................................................... 7  
   Don’t know/no opinion............................................................................... 8
2. Now, we have a few questions about things we can all do to improve our own health. Please tell me how often you do the following things to improve your own health.

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<tr>
<th>(What about…)</th>
<th>Do you do this all of the time,</th>
<th>Most of the time,</th>
<th>Some of the time, or</th>
<th>Not at all?</th>
<th>Refused</th>
<th>Don’t know/no opinion</th>
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<td>a. Eat healthy food.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
<td>☐ 7</td>
<td>☐ 8</td>
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<td>b. Get enough physical activity.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
<td>☐ 7</td>
<td>☐ 8</td>
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<td>c. Get regular, routine prevent...</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
<td>☐ 7</td>
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<td>d. Follow your doctor’s orders when you get them.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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3. Please tell me in your own words how you define good health.
_____________________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

4. In Minnesota and across the nation, policy makers, health care providers, insurers, advocates, and others are trying to figure out how to help people achieve better health and reduce health care costs. Some have suggested that achieving these goals can only happen if individuals take direct steps to improve their own health, like eating healthy food and exercising. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements. Individuals have a responsibility to practice a healthy lifestyle with diet and exercise to reduce health care costs. Do you...

Strongly agree, ......................................................................................................................... 1
Agree, ........................................................................................................................................... 2
Disagree, or.................................................................................................................................. 3
Strongly disagree? ........................................................................................................................ 4
Refused ........................................................................................................................................... 7
Don’t know/no opinion ............................................................................................................. 8

5. Minnesotans who practice healthy behaviors such as eating well, getting plenty of exercise, and getting preventive care should pay less for their health insurance than those who do not. Do you...

Strongly agree, ......................................................................................................................... 1
Agree, ........................................................................................................................................... 2
Disagree, or.................................................................................................................................. 3
Strongly disagree? ........................................................................................................................ 4
Refused ........................................................................................................................................... 7
Don’t know/no opinion ............................................................................................................. 8

Next, we have a few questions about the health care system.
6. Based on what you know or have heard about health care in Minnesota, do you think things are on the right track or going in the wrong direction?

Right track.............................................................................................................. 1
Wrong direction...................................................................................................... 2
Refused.................................................................................................................... 7
Don’t know/no opinion....................................................................................... 8

7. I am now going to ask you about possible areas where health care costs could be reduced. When you think about things like administrative costs, costs of treating preventable conditions, costs of various tests and treatments, costs for long-term care, and costs for end of life care, what areas do you think should be the focus in terms of reducing overall costs of care? (PROBE: This could be an area with too much inefficiency, or it could be that you think costs are too high due to unnecessary procedures or care, or you might think about conditions that could be prevented before they require expensive care to treat.) Why do you think that?

8. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with these statements.

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<th>Do you...</th>
<th>Strongly agree,</th>
<th>Agree,</th>
<th>Disagree, or</th>
<th>Strongly disagree?</th>
<th>Refused</th>
<th>Don’t know/ no opinion</th>
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<td>a. I want to manage my own health care.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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<td>b. I know how to navigate the health care system to manage my own health care.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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<td>c. I have the information I need to make choices about health care treatment options.</td>
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<td>d. I want my health care provider to inform me about all available options for my care, including alternative therapies such as acupuncture, massage, or chiropractic care.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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<td>e. It is easy for me to make healthy choices in my current environment.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
<td>☐ 7</td>
<td>☐ 8</td>
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<td>f. I want my health insurance to create incentives for healthy behavior.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
<td>☐ 7</td>
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<td>g. I feel supported by the health care system to take responsibility for my own health and health care decisions.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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<td>h. I want the health care system to focus more on prevention and less on treatment of chronic conditions.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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<td>i. I think about costs before making health care decisions.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
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<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
<td>☐ 7</td>
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<td>j. I would make different health care decisions if I knew the costs of health care visits, services, and treatments.</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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9a. What do you think is the one biggest challenge overall for Minnesotans in terms of getting the health care they need? Would you say it is that…

| Care or insurance is not affordable, | 1 |
| People lack access to needed care or quality care, | 2 |
| The health care system is too complicated and confusing, | 3 |
| There is a lack of focus on healthy living and prevention, or | 4 |
| Something else? | 5 |
| Refused | 7 |
| Don’t know/no opinion | 8 |

10. What is the one thing that individuals could do to change their own behavior that would have the most impact on improving the overall health of Minnesotans?

____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

11. What is the one thing that could change within the health care system itself to have the biggest impact on improving the overall health of Minnesotans?

____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

12a. Do you think policy-makers should prioritize solutions that focus on individual behavior change or solutions that focus on changing the health care system itself?

| Individual behavior change | 1 |
| Health care system change | 2 |
| IF VOLUNTEERED: Both (R can’t pick one or the other) | 3 |
| Refused | 7 |
| Don’t know | 8 |
12b. Why do you say that?

_____________________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

Finally, we have some questions to help us make sure we’re representing all types of people in the whole state of Minnesota.

13. What is your gender? (INTERVIEWER: MARK YOUR BEST GUESS IF R REFUSES)

   Male ....................................................................................................................... 1
   Female ................................................................................................................... 2
   Other ...................................................................................................................... 3

14a. What is your age?

   ______ Age in years
   Refused .................................................................................................... -7
   Don’t know ............................................................................................... -8

14b. (ONLY ASK IF REFUSED TO Q 14a) Would you be willing to tell me which age category you are in? Stop me when I get to the right category. Are you...

   18-24, ..................................................................................................................... 1
   25-34, ..................................................................................................................... 2
   35-44, ..................................................................................................................... 3
   45-54, ..................................................................................................................... 4
   55-64, ..................................................................................................................... 5
   65-74, ..................................................................................................................... 6
   75-84, or ................................................................................................................. 7
   85 and older? ......................................................................................................... 8
   Refused .................................................................................................... -7
   Don’t know ............................................................................................... -8

15. What is the highest level of education that you have completed? (DO NOT READ RESPONSES)

   Less than high school ............................................................................................ 1
   High school graduate or GED ................................................................................ 2
   Some college/vocational school ............................................................................ 3
   Associate’s degree (2-year degree) ........................................................................ 4
   College graduate (4-year degree) .......................................................................... 5
   Graduate school and beyond ............................................................................... 6
   Refused ..................................................................................................... -7
   Don’t know ................................................................................................ 8
16. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
- Yes ................................................................. 1
- No ................................................................................ 2
  - Refused ................................................................. 7
  - Don’t know .......................................................... 8

17a. How do you identify your primary race? Are you...
- African American or African-born, .................................................. 1
- American Indian or Native American, ............................................. 2
- Asian or Asian American, ............................................................... 3
- White or Caucasian, or .................................................................. 4
- Some other race or multi-racial? (17b. Specify: _________________________) 5
  - Refused ................................................................. 7
  - Don’t know .......................................................... 8

18. Including yourself, how many adults age 18 or older live in your household?
- _____ Number of adults
  - Refused ................................................................. -7
  - Don’t know .......................................................... -8

19. How many total residential landline phone numbers do you have in your household?
- _______ Number of landlines
  - Refused ................................................................. -7
  - Don’t know .......................................................... -8

20a. (ONLY ASK Q20A IF R IS FROM THE LANDLINE SAMPLE. IF R IS FROM THE CELL PHONE SAMPLE, SKIP TO Q21A) Do you have a working cell phone?
- Yes ......................................................................................... 4
- No ........................................................................................... 5
  - Refused .................................................................................. 7
  - Don’t know .............................................................................. 8

20b. (ONLY ASK Q20B IF R SAYS ‘NO’ OR ‘DK’ TO Q20A) Does anyone else in your household have a working cell phone?
- Yes ......................................................................................... 4
- No ........................................................................................... 5
  - Refused .................................................................................. 7
  - Don’t know .............................................................................. 8

21a. What county do you live in? (insert drop down list of all 87 counties in MN)
- Refused .................................................................................. -7
- Don’t know ................................................................................ -8
21b. (ONLY ASK IF REFUSED OR DK TO Q21A) Do you live in the 7-county Twin Cities metro area, which includes the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington?

Yes ......................................................................................................................... 1
No ........................................................................................................................... 2
Refused ..................................................................................................... 7
Don’t know ................................................................................................ 8

22. How would you characterize your interaction with the health care system? For each statement I read, please tell me yes if this is true for you or no if it is not true for you.

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
<th>Refused</th>
<th>Don’t know/no opinion</th>
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<td>a. I have interacted with the health care system within the past 12 months.</td>
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<td>b. I interact with the health care system for check-ups or treatment of occasional illnesses.</td>
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<tr>
<td>c. I or someone in my immediate family manages a serious and persistent illness, and we interact with the health care system regularly for treatment. (EXAMPLES: diabetes or heart disease)</td>
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<td>d. I or someone in my immediate family has managed a significant health event that required hospitalization at least once in the past 12 months. (EXAMPLES: child birth or heart attack)</td>
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23. Are you currently or have you ever been a…(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

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<th>Role</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
<th>Refused</th>
<th>Don’t know/no opinion</th>
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<td>a. A volunteer in a health care setting?</td>
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<td>b. A professional health care provider?</td>
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<td>c. A health care administrator?</td>
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<td>d. In any other health or health care related job?</td>
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24. How would you characterize your health insurance status? Are you…

(INTERVIEWER: IF R HAS MULTIPLE TYPES OF INSURANCE ASK THEM TO PICK THEIR PRIMARY INSURANCE.)

Not currently insured........................................................................................................ 1
Covered by MinnesotaCare, Medical Assistance, or another income-based program............................................. 2
Insured through an employer or small employer group benefit, ................................................. 3
Covered through individual health insurance you purchase yourself, or ...................... 4
Covered by Medicare........................................................................................................... 5
IF VOLUNTEERED: Other (Indian Health Service (IHS), Veteran’s Benefits) ..... 6
Refused............................................................................................................................... 7
Don’t know .......................................................................................................................... 8
25. In politics, do you consider yourself to be…

   Very conservative, .......................................................... 1
   Conservative, ................................................................. 2
   Moderate, ................................................................. 3
   Liberal, or ................................................................. 4
   Very liberal? .............................................................. 5
   IF VOLUNTEERED: Other, (Specify: ____________________________) .. 6
   Refused........................................................................ 7
   Don’t know .................................................................. 8

26. It would be helpful to know the range of incomes of all the households we interview. Thinking about your household’s total income before taxes from all sources and all members of your household in 2011, what range of income did your household have? Please stop me when I get to the correct range. Would you say…

   Under $20,000, .......................................................... 1
   $20,000 to under $30,000, ............................................ 2
   $30,000 to under $40,000, ......................................... 3
   $40,000 to under $50,000, ......................................... 4
   $50,000 to under $75,000, ......................................... 5
   $75,000 to under $100,000, ....................................... 6
   $100,000 to under $150,000, or .................................. 7
   $150,000 or more? .................................................. 8
   Refused........................................................................ 7
   Don’t know .................................................................. 8

Those are all of the questions we have for you today. We really appreciate your time with this study. Thank you.
Q3: Please tell me in your own words how you define good health. (CODE 3)
1. Mental, physical, and spiritual balance
2. Being active and energetic
3. Any health conditions stable and well managed
4. Basic health indicators (blood pressure, weight) are in range
5. No illness/no health issues/no pain
6. State of mind/positive outlook
7. Low stress
8. No chemical dependency/use (alcohol/smoking/other drugs)
9. No mental illness/good mental health
10. Good sense of well-being/feeling good
11. Being able to do what you want/no restrictions on daily activities
12. Physical well-being (exercise)
13. Eating well/eating good food/eating healthy
14. Preventative health (going to the doctor for checkups, flu shots, dentist, etc.)
25. Avoiding excessive medication/not needing to be on medication
26. Avoiding excessive doctor visits/excessive medical care
30. Related to aging, getting older, or feeling good for your age
35. Taking care of yourself
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90 Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing

Q7: When you think about things like admin costs, costs of treating preventable conditions, costs of various tests and treatments, costs for long-term care, and costs for end of life care, what areas do you think should be the focus in terms of reducing overall costs of care? Why do you think that? (CODE 3)
1. Administrative costs
2. Costs of treating preventable conditions
3. Costs of various tests and treatments
4. Costs for long-term care
5. Costs for end of life care
6. All of the above
7. More preventative care
8. More education
9. Fewer emergency room visits
10. People taking better care of themselves/better lifestyle choices 
   (weight/smoking)/personal responsibility
11. Prescription drug costs
12. Reduce litigation/law suits (“frivolous” law suits or TORT reform)
13. Redundancy/duplication in the system
14. Reduce up-front costs/co-pays
20. Insurance companies drive up costs
25. The uninsured drive up costs

DO NOT CUT COSTS FOR…
30. Not end of life care
31. Not long-term care
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90 Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing

Q9B: What do you think is the one biggest challenge overall for Minnesotans in terms of getting the health care they need? – Something else? (CODE 3)

Pre-Codes Responses
1. Care or insurance is not affordable
2. People lack access to needed care or quality care
3. The health care system is too complicated and confusing
4. The lack of focus on healthy living and prevention

New Codes
10. Individuals who abuse the health care system
11. Bad economy
12. Unemployment
13. Lack of coordinated care
14. Politicians
15. DO NOT USE
16. The government
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90 Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing
Q10: What is the one thing that individuals could do to change their own behavior that would have the most impact on improving the overall health of Minnesotans? (CODE 3)
1. Exercise
2. Avoid liquor/smoking/other drugs
3. Eat healthy/stop eating junk foods
4. Maintain a healthy lifestyle in general/take better care of yourself
5. Understanding costs of health care before use
6. Understanding treatment options before use
7. Lose or maintain appropriate weight
8. Education
9. Get preventative care
10. Take personal responsibility for your own health/behaviors
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90 Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing

Q11: What is the one thing that could change within the health care system itself to have the biggest impact on improving the overall health of Minnesotans? (CODE 3)
1. Increase affordability/lower cost
2. Help people who cannot afford it
3. Keep government out of it
4. Increase personal responsibility
5. More or better preventative care efforts
6. Increase transparency of health care system
7. Increase health education
8. Improve medical care and application of care
9. Increase access in general
10. Give more control to health care providers
11. Remove control from health insurance companies
12. Simplify health care system process
13. Increase the number of choices for health insurance
14. Cut back on administration/paperwork
15. Access for everyone to have health care/universal health care/socialized medicine
16. Increased coordination between doctors and insurance companies
17. Eliminate fraud/waste
20. Financial incentives for healthy lifestyles
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90 Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing
Q12B: (Do you think policy-makers should prioritize solutions that focus on individual behavior change or solutions that focus on changing the health care system itself?) Why do you say that? (re: prioritize solutions on individual behavior or health care system) (CODE 3)

INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR CHANGE
1. Individual behavior is the main problem
2. Best way to address high cost of health care/make more affordable
3. Support solutions that emphasize individual/personal responsibility
4. Can’t change system
5. Need for transparency/understanding of the system
7. Everyone is different/lifestyle differences
8. Health care is a business/too much money in system/makes too much money
9. Education
10. Access for everyone to have health care/universal health care/socialized medicine

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM CHANGE
30. Health care system is the main problem
31. Best way to address high cost of health care
32. Can’t change individuals
33. Can’t change system
34. Need for transparency/understanding of the system
35. Make it more affordable/people can’t afford health care
36. Everyone is different/lifestyle differences
37. Health care is a business/too much money in system/makes too much money
38. Education
39. Access for everyone to have health care/universal health care/socialized medicine

COMBINATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR AND HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CHANGE
60. Responsibility is shared by individuals and system
61. Best way to address high cost of health care
62. Need for transparency/understanding of the system
63. Make it more affordable/people can’t afford health care
64. Everyone is different/lifestyle differences
65. Health care is a business/too much money in system/makes too much money
66. Education
67. Access for everyone to have health care/universal health care/socialized medicine
GENERAL
80. Against government involvement
81. Health care is a business/too much money in system/makes too much money
82. Government should regulate/be involved
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90. Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing

Q17B: Some other race or multiracial, specify (CODE 3)
Pre-codes
1. African American or African-born
2. American Indian or Native American
3. Asian or Asian American
4. White or Caucasian
New codes
5. Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
6. Hispanic/Latino
10. Multi-Racial
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90. Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing

Q25B: Other, Specify (re: political affiliation) (CODE #)
Pre-codes
1. Very conservative
2. Conservative
3. Moderate
4. Liberal
5. Very liberal
New codes
6. Independent
7. Libertarian
8. Moderately conservative
9. Moderately liberal
10. Issue based
-7. Refused
-8. Don’t know
90. Other
91. Non-response answer
99. Nothing