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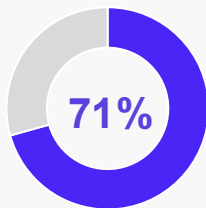
FR: Morning Consult

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RE: Medicaid Coverage of FDA-Approved Obesity Medicines

Morning Consult conducted a survey on behalf of the Chronic Care Policy Alliance among 500 registered voters in Illinois. Illinois voters across party lines overwhelmingly view obesity as a serious chronic disease that deserves medical treatment, strongly support efforts to help eligible patients access FDA-approved obesity medicines, and believe Medicaid should play a role in providing coverage. These attitudes translate into a meaningful political upside, with Illinois voters rewarding policymakers who support expanding access to obesity treatment.

Obesity is a Serious Problem

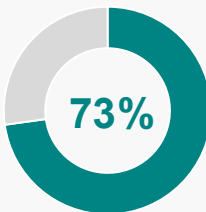


% Total problem (Very + Somewhat)

Obesity is a Major Public Health Concern

- Seven-in-ten Illinois voters (71%) see obesity as a serious problem in their state, with over one-quarter saying it is a *very serious issue*, and a majority (57%) reporting a personal connection to obesity.
- Nearly three-quarters of Illinois voters (73%) agree obesity deserves the same coverage as other chronic diseases, with roughly two-in-five strongly agreeing (41%).

Obesity is a Chronic Disease That Deserves the Same Coverage as Other Chronic Diseases

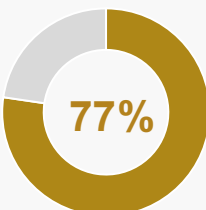


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Voters Want Patients to Have Access to Treatment

- Most voters agree all residents, regardless of income or socioeconomic status, should have **equal access to obesity medicines** (77%) and believe **doctors should drive decision-making** (77%).
- More than three-quarters of Illinois voters (77%) are **deeply concerned that some patients are unable to access FDA-approved obesity treatments** their doctors recommend because their state Medicaid program does not cover them.
- A majority of Illinois voters (54%) **view obesity as a chronic disease that should be treated with obesity medicines** – not simply a matter of personal and lifestyle changes (46%).
- Illinois voters reject cost-based arguments against coverage. Three-in-five (59%) believe Medicaid coverage for obesity medicines is **an investment in long-term health** that prevents costly complications and reduces healthcare costs, rather than viewing medicines as too expensive for Medicaid to cover (24%).

All Residents Should Have Equal Access To Obesity Medicines



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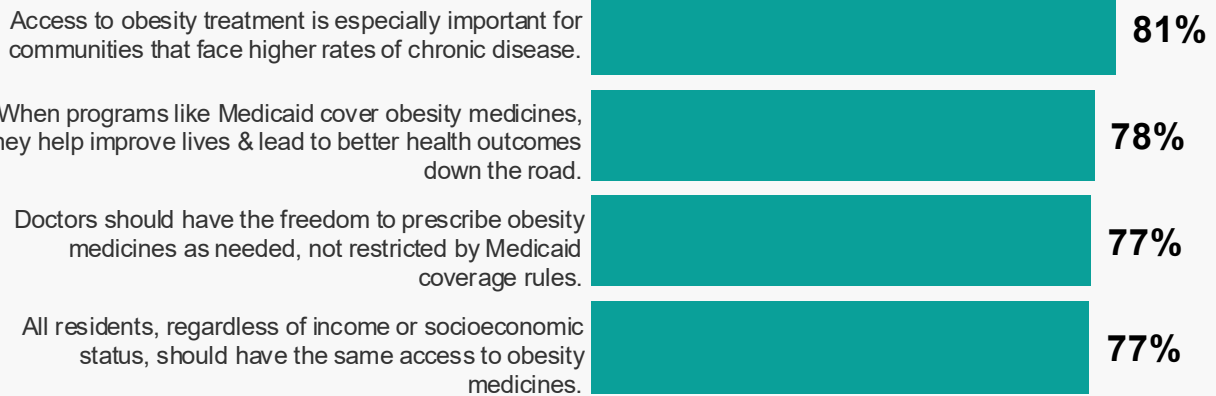


Prepared for the Chronic Care Policy Alliance

- Underscoring the importance of access, four-in-five voters in Illinois (81%) recognize the **importance of obesity treatment for communities that face higher rates of chronic diseases** and agree that Medicaid **coverage of obesity medicines would help improve lives** and lead to better health outcomes (78%).

Illinois Voter Sentiment on Obesity Medicines

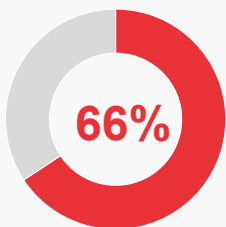
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Medicaid Has a Responsibility to Help Provide Access

- Most Illinois voters (77%) think it is **important for policymakers to provide access** to obesity medicines in their state.
- Most Illinois voters also **support policies that would broaden access for low-income patients** – including **establishing a program in their state** (75%) or **expanding Medicaid eligibility** (73%) – to ensure they have access to obesity medications.
- The majority of Illinois voters (76%) support **their state's Medicaid program providing** FDA-approved obesity treatments for eligible patients.
 - Support for state Medicaid coverage of obesity treatments is strong across party, with majorities of Democrats (85%), Independents (70%), and Republicans (72%) in Illinois backing this coverage.

More Likely to Support Politicians Backing Medicaid Coverage



% More likely to support
(Much more + Somewhat more)

Illinois Voters Reward Policymakers Who Support Medicaid Coverage of Obesity Medicines

- 66% of Illinois voters say they are **more likely to support legislators who back Medicaid providing obesity medicine coverage**, versus just 13% who say less likely.
 - Democrats (74%), Independents (61%), and Republicans (59%) in Illinois are more likely to support lawmakers who back Medicaid coverage of FDA-approved obesity medications.

Methodology: This poll was conducted between July 8-14, 2026, among a sample of 500 Registered Voters in Illinois. The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Registered Voters based on gender by age, gender by children in household, race by educational attainment, educational attainment, marital status, home ownership, region, 2024 presidential vote, and race. Results from the Illinois survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.