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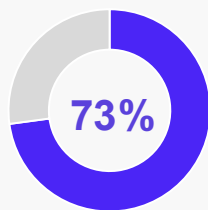
FR: Morning Consult

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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 North Carolina. North Carolina 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 protecting coverage. These attitudes translate into a meaningful political upside, with North Carolina voters rewarding policymakers who support expanding access to obesity treatment.

Obesity is a Serious Problem

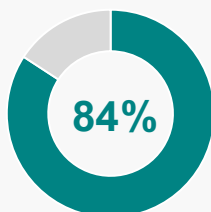


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Obesity is a Major Public Health Concern

- Nearly three-quarters of North Carolina voters (73%) see obesity as a serious problem in their state, with over one-third saying it is a *very serious issue*, and a majority (57%) reporting a personal connection to obesity.
- More than four-in-five North Carolina voters (84%) agree obesity deserves the same coverage as other chronic diseases, with about half strongly agreeing (49%).

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

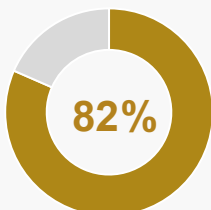


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Voters Want Patients to Have Access to Treatment

- Most voters agree all residents, regardless of income or socioeconomic status, should have **equal access to obesity medicines** (82%) and believe **doctors should drive decision-making** (80%).
- Four-in-five North Carolina voters (78%) 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.
- Three-in-five North Carolina voters (60%) **view obesity as a chronic disease that should be treated with obesity medicines** – not simply a matter of personal and lifestyle changes (40%).
- North Carolina voters reject cost-based arguments against coverage. Roughly three-in-five (60%) 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 (21%).

All Residents Should Have Equal Access To Obesity Medicines



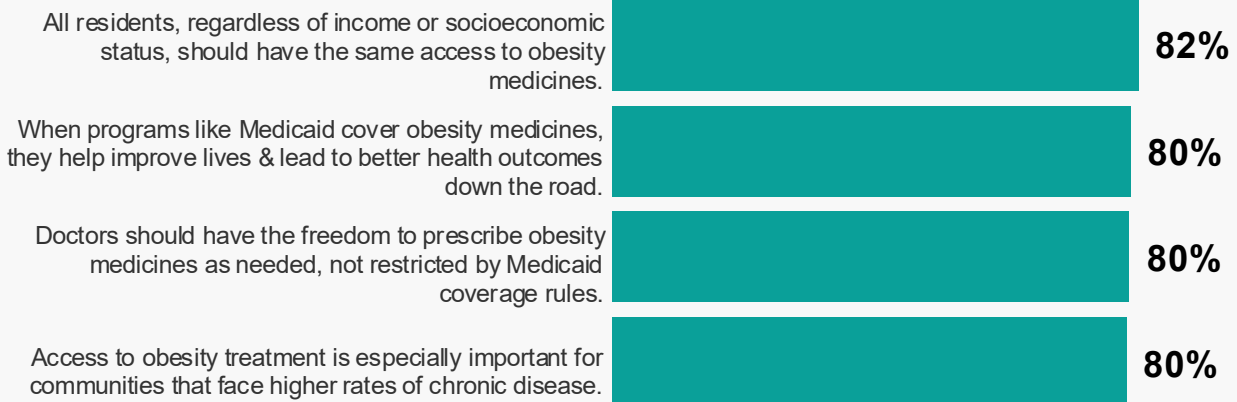
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- Underscoring the importance of access, four-in-five voters in North Carolina (80%) recognize the **importance of obesity treatment for communities that face higher rates of chronic diseases** and agree that Medicaid **coverage of obesity medicines would help improve lives** and lead to better health outcomes (80%).

North Carolina Voter Sentiment on Obesity Medicines

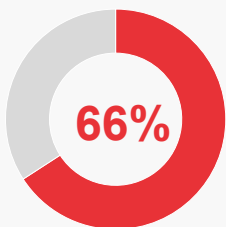
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Medicaid Has a Responsibility to Help Protect Access

- Most North Carolina voters (76%) think it is **important for policymakers to protect access** to obesity medicines in their state.
- Most North Carolina voters also **support policies that would broaden access for low-income patients** – including **establishing a program in their state** (80%) or **expanding Medicaid eligibility** (76%) – to ensure they have access to obesity medications.
- The majority of North Carolina voters (68%) support **their state's Medicaid program protecting** FDA-approved obesity treatments for eligible patients.
 - Support for state Medicaid coverage of obesity treatments is strong across party, with majorities of Democrats (74%), Independents (60%), and Republicans (68%) in North Carolina backing this coverage.

More Likely to Support Politicians Backing Medicaid Coverage



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

North Carolina Voters Reward Policymakers Who Support Medicaid Coverage of Obesity Medicines

- 66% of North Carolina voters say they are **more likely to support legislators who back Medicaid protecting obesity medicine coverage**, versus just 12% who say less likely.
 - Democrats (74%), Independents (61%), and Republicans (62%) in North Carolina are more likely to support lawmakers who back Medicaid coverage of FDA-approved obesity medications.

Methodology: This poll was conducted between July 8-15, 2026, among a sample of 500 Registered Voters in North Carolina. 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 North Carolina survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.