Survey: Physicians on the Affordable Care Act
Which of the following best described your opinion of the ACA when it was passed in 2010?

- I opposed the ACA in 2010: 59%
- I supported the ACA in 2010: 26%
- I was neutral on the ACA in 2010: 15%

(n=3,072)
Now that you know more about the ACA, how has your opinion of it changed?

- My opinion of the ACA has changed for the worse: 61%
- My opinion of the ACA has not changed: 31%
- My opinion of the ACA has changed for the better: 8%

(n=3,072)
How knowledgeable would you say you are now about the ACA?

- Very knowledgeable: 40%
- Somewhat knowledgeable: 54%
- Not very knowledgeable: 5%
- Not at all knowledgeable: 1%

(n=3,072)
Are you currently participating or do you plan to participate in the ACA Health Exchange?

- No, I am not participating, and I do not plan to do so: 44%
- I am undecided at this point: 24%
- Yes, I am planning to participate, but am not currently: 17%
- Yes, I am currently participating: 15%

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It is estimated that 40,000,000 people in the United States do not have health insurance. In your estimation, what percentage of those uninsured do not receive health care when they need it?

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**Survey Results**

- **Between 91 and 100%**: 3%
- **Between 81 and 90%**: 4%
- **Between 71 and 80%**: 9%
- **Between 61 and 70%**: 3%
- **Between 51 and 60%**: 4%
- **Between 41 and 50%**: 10%
- **Between 31 and 40%**: 4%
- **Between 21 and 30%**: 10%
- **Between 11 and 20%**: 11%
- **Between 1 and 10%**: 29%
- **0%**: 14%

*(n=2,223)*

**Mean:** 31%

**Median:** 20%
How do you expect the cost of healthcare to be affected for the 80%-85% of the American population that is currently insured?

- The population that is currently insured will have to pay more than they currently do for health care under the ACA: 80%
- The population this is currently insured will see no change in the cost of health care under the ACA: 13%
- The population that is currently insured will have to pay less than they currently do under the ACA: 7%

(n=3,072)
In your opinion, how will each of the following be impacted by the ACA? – Quality of patient care

- Positively impacted: 14%
- No difference: 19%
- Negatively impacted: 60%
- Unsure at this point: 7%

(n=3,072)
In your opinion, how will each of the following be impacted by the ACA? –Patient access to health care

- Positively impacted: 33%
- No difference: 10%
- Negatively impacted: 51%
- Unsure at this point: 7%

(n=3,072)
In your opinion, how will each of the following be impacted by the ACA? – Your compensation

- Positively impacted: 4%
- No difference: 15%
- Negatively impacted: 71%
- Unsure at this point: 10%
In your opinion, how will each of the following be impacted by the ACA? – Your workload

- Positively impacted: 8%
- No difference: 20%
- Negatively impacted: 61%
- Unsure at this point: 11%

(n=3,072)
In your opinion, how will each of the following be impacted by the ACA? – Your treatment decision-making ability

- Positively impacted: 6%
- No difference: 30%
- Negatively impacted: 57%
- Unsure at this point: 7%

(n=3,072)
How do you anticipate the ACA will affect the number of patients in your practice?

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Do you anticipate your revenue per patient to change under the ACA?

- **Yes, my revenue per patient will increase**: 5%
- **No, my revenue per patient will not change**: 13%
- **Yes, my revenue per patient will decrease**: 69%
- **I don't know / not sure**: 13%

(n=3,072)
Under the ACA, how do you anticipate your non-clinical, administrative time as a physician will be impacted?

- I will spend more time on non-clinical, non-patient, administrative activities (66%)
- I anticipate no change in the amount of non-clinical time I will spend (19%)
- I will spend less time on non-clinical, non-patient, administrative activities (3%)
- Don't know / not sure (12%)
What percentage of currently insured patients would you estimate will be able to keep their current insurance coverage under the ACA?

(n=2,247)

- Between 91 and 100%: 10%
- Between 81 and 90%: 14%
- Between 71 and 80%: 17%
- Between 61 and 70%: 7%
- Between 51 and 60%: 6%
- Between 41 and 50%: 14%
- Between 31 and 40%: 5%
- Between 21 and 30%: 8%
- Between 11 and 20%: 8%
- Between 0 and 10%: 11%

Mean: 57%  Median: 60%
What percentage of currently insured patients would you estimate will be able to keep their current physician under the ACA?

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Mean: 61%  Median: 70%
In your opinion, which ONE of the following groups will benefit the MOST from the implementation of the ACA?

- Insurance companies: 30%
- No one will benefit from the ACA: 23%
- Patients: 20%
- Hospitals: 8%
- Physicians: 1%
- Other: 13%
- I'm not sure / don’t know: 6%

(n=3,072)
Which ONE of the remaining groups will benefit LEAST from the implementation of the ACA?

- Physicians: 44%
- Patients: 19%
- Insurance Companies: 8%
- Hospitals: 7%
- No one will benefit: 7%
- Other: 4%
- I'm not sure / don't know: 12%

(n=3,072)
How will the implementation of the ACA affect your career time line?

- I do not anticipate making any changes to my career time line: 31%
- I will leave the practice of medicine as soon as it is feasible for me to do so: 30%
- I will practice medicine for a shorter period of time than I originally anticipated: 19%
- I will practice medicine for longer than I originally anticipated: 5%
- I am unsure at this point: 15%

(n=3,072)
What Impact will the ACA have overall – On you personally as a physician?

- Overall, it will have a positive impact: 11%
- It will not have an impact: 12%
- Overall, it will have a negative impact: 69%
- I am unsure: 8%

(n=3,072)
What impact will the ACA have overall? – On your practice

- Overall, it will have a positive impact: 12%
- It will not have an impact: 11%
- Overall, it will have a negative impact: 65%
- I am unsure: 12%

(n=3,072)
What impact will the ACA have overall? – On your patients

- Overall, it will have a positive impact: 25%
- It will not have an impact: 7%
- Overall, it will have a negative impact: 60%
- I am unsure: 8%
In your opinion, what is the overall impact of the ACA on the cost of health care?

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In your opinion, what impact will the ACA have on patients’ ability to choose their physicians?

- Patients will have more choices: 10%
- There will be no impact on patient choices: 10%
- Patients will have less choices: 73%
- Not sure / don’t know / no opinion: 7%

(n=3,072)
Which of the following statements best represents your views on the ACA?

- The ACA should be repealed / defunded: 56%
- The ACA should be kept, but requires changes / modifications: 38%
- The ACA should stand as is, no changes are necessary: 6%

(n= 3,072)
Which of the following best describes your current practice?

- Ownership stake in a private practice: 21%
- I own my own solo practice: 16%
- I am a hospital employee: 15%
- Employed in a private practice: 13%
- My practice is owned by a hospital or health system: 11%
- I work in an academic setting: 11%
- Independent contractor or locum tenens physician: 6%
- I work in government setting: 3%
- I’m in training: 3%
- Other: 2%

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How long have you been practicing medicine?

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Medical Specialty

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- Other: 5%
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: 1%
- Dermatology: 2%
- Women's Health: 3%
- Ophthalmologists: 3%
- Behavioral Medicine: 4%
- Radiologists: 5%
- General Surgeons: 5%
- Hospital Based Specialties: 6%
- Anesthesiologists: 8%
- Primary Care / Generalists: 10%
- Surgery Subspecialties: 11%
- Pediatrics: 13%
- Internal Medicine Subspecialties: 24%
Gender

(n=3,053)

Male 77%
Female 23%
Would you like a copy of the survey report? **

Yes: 75%
No: 25%

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Methodology

A total of 3,072 practicing physicians completed the survey on the ACA, which was conducted between Friday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 12, 2013. The error range for this survey was +/- 1.8% at the 95% confidence level.

Invitations for the survey were emailed to subsets of a database totaling 277,778 physicians, which included physicians who have been placed by Jackson healthcare’s staffing companies and those who have not.

Respondents to this survey were self-selected and spanned all 50 states and medical / surgical specialties.