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# **Long-Term Care in California: Policy Attitudes and Perceptions**

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*Interviews: Dual frame nationally representative sample of 1,735 adults 40 years old and older  
N=460 adults 40 years old and older in California*

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+/-5.4 percentage points for the California sample*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

**Q1. In general, how would you rate your overall health?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Excellent/Very good</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
Excellent	16	14	15
Very good	24	23	26
<b>Good</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Fair/Poor</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>
Fair	21	18	18
Poor	8	8	7
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	*	-	*
N=	485	460	1,735

**Q2. Thinking about your own personal situation as you get older, for each item please tell me if it causes you a great deal of concern, quite a bit of concern, a moderate amount, only a little, or none at all? How about (ITEM)? [RANDOMIZED]**

Losing your independence and having to rely on others

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>
A great deal	34	36	32
Quite a bit	16	16	15
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
Only a little	13	16	15
None at all	15	12	14
Don't know	1	*	1
Refused	*	-	*
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Losing your memory or other mental abilities

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>
A great deal	34	36	34
Quite a bit	17	12	13
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>
Only a little	17	16	18
None at all	13	15	16
Don't know	-	1	1
Refused	1	*	*
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Being able to pay for any care or help you might need as you grow older

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>
A great deal	28	27	25
Quite a bit	16	13	12
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>
Only a little	19	15	17
None at all	16	18	20
Don't know	*	1	1
Refused	1	1	*
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Having to leave your home and move into a nursing home

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>
A great deal	22	29	30
Quite a bit	13	11	9
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>
Only a little	18	17	17
None at all	27	25	26
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	*
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Being a burden on your family

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>
A great deal	25	27	24
Quite a bit	12	11	11
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>
Only a little	18	17	19
None at all	26	27	27
Don't know	1	-	1
Refused	*	1	*
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Leaving debts to your family

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
A great deal	18	20	20
Quite a bit	7	9	9
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>
Only a little	18	15	17
None at all	44	42	41
Don't know	-	1	*
Refused	*	-	*
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Being alone without family or friends around you

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>
A great deal	23	19	20
Quite a bit	10	11	10
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>
Only a little	19	18	20
None at all	29	30	31
Don't know	*	-	*
Refused	*	1	*
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Not planning enough for the care you might need when you get older

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>
A great deal	20	23	22
Quite a bit	12	14	11
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
Only a little	16	18	19
None at all	21	18	22
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	*

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**Q3. Now a few questions about your family. What is your marital status? Are you married, living as married, co-habiting; separated; divorced; widowed; or never married?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Married	57	56	57
Living as married/Co-habiting	6	5	6
Separated	6	5	3
Divorced	13	12	14
Widowed	7	10	10
Never married	11	11	10
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

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**Q4. Are you a parent or guardian, regardless of the age of your children, or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	74	75	77
No	26	25	23
Don't know	*	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

N= 485 460 1,735

Asked among those saying "Yes" in Q4

**Q5. Are any of your children under 18 years of age or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	34	36	31
No	66	64	68
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	*	*	*
N=	343	334	1,298

Asked among those saying "Yes" in Q4

**Q5a. Do you provide financial support to any of your children, regardless of age, or not?**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	49	52
No	50	48
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	*
N=	334	1,298

**Q6. Thinking about all the people you live with in your household, please tell me how they are related to you?<sup>1</sup>**

**IF NECESSARY: Do you live with your spouse or partner, children, grandchildren, parents or in-laws, grandparents, siblings, other relatives, roommates, or friends?**

**[Multiple responses possible, percentages may sum to more than 100 percent.]**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Spouse	61	59	60
Child(ren)	37	42	36
Adult child	15	18	14
Grandchild(ren)	8	4	6
Parent(s) or in-law(s)	7	6	6
Grandparent(s)	*	*	*
Sibling(s)	5	3	2
Any other relatives	2	1	2
Other non-relatives	5	3	3
I live alone	18	20	21
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	-	*	*
N=	485	460	1,735

**NO Q7-Q9 IN 2015 SURVEY**

*Some people need ongoing living assistance as they get older. This assistance can be help with things like keeping house, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, getting around, paying bills, remembering to take medicine, or just having someone check in to see that everything is okay. This help can happen at your own home, in a family member's home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community. And, it can be provided by a family member, a friend, a volunteer, or a health care professional.*

**Q10. Are you currently receiving this kind of ongoing living assistance or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	6	7	7
No	94	92	93
Don't know	-	1	*
Refused	-	-	-
N=	485	460	1,735

<sup>1</sup> Note: This question was labeled "CADEM1" and only asked of California residents in 2014.

Asked among those saying “No,” “Don’t know” or “Refused” in Q10

**Q11. Have you ever received ongoing living assistance like this or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	4	5	4
No	96	94	95
Don’t know	-	1	*
Refused	-	-	*
N=	454	420	1,589

**Q10/Q11 combined.**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Currently or ever received ongoing living assistance	10	12	10
Never received assistance	90	86	89
Don’t know	-	2	*
Refused	-	-	*
N=	485	460	1,735

Asked among those saying “Yes” in Q10 or “Yes” in Q11

**Q12. Are you currently receiving / Did you most recently receive this ongoing living assistance in your own home, in a friend or family member’s home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Own home	80	87	82
Friend or family member’s home	16	10	8
Nursing home	1	1	6
Senior community	2	2	1
Don’t know	-	-	2
Refused	*	-	-
N=	53	69	227



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Asked among those saying "Own home," "Friend or family member's home," "Don't know" or "Refused" in Q12

**Q13. Have you ever received ongoing living assistance from [ITEM] or not?**

California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A family member	57	41	2	-
A friend	24	76	*	-
A professional home health care aide	28	71	*	-

N=49

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A family member	55	45	-	-
A friend	20	80	-	-
A professional home health care aide	43	56	1	-

N=65

National Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A family member	50	50	-	-
A friend	23	77	-	-
A professional home health care aide	48	52	1	-

N=209

**Q14. Are you currently providing ongoing living assistance on a regular basis to a family member or close friend or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	23	20	19
No	77	79	81
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	-	*	*
N=	485	460	1,735

*Asked among those who said "No," "Don't know" or "Refused" in Q14*

**Q15. Have you ever provided ongoing living assistance on a regular basis to a family member or close friend or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	37	31	32
No	63	69	68
Don't know	-	-	*
Refused	-	*	*
N=	379	364	1,414

**Q14/Q15 Combined.**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Total ever provided care	52	45	45
Never provided care	48	55	55
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	-	-	*
N=	485	460	1,735

**NO Q16-Q17 IN 2015 SURVEY.**

**Q17\_1. Are you, or is anyone in your family, currently employing someone to provide in-home ongoing living assistance or not? In answering this question, do not include those who solely provide housekeeping assistance.**

**IF NECESSARY: This can include ongoing living assistance for yourself, a family member, or a friend.**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	7	8	6
No	93	90	94
Don't know	*	2	*
Refused	-	-	-
N=	485	460	1,735

*Asked among those who said they do not currently receive ongoing living assistance in Q10*

**Q18. How likely do you think it is that you will personally require ongoing living assistance some day? Would you say extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Extremely/Very likely</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>
Extremely likely	10	6	7
Very likely	13	15	12
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>
Not too likely	21	27	27
Not at all likely	11	10	15
Don't know	3	5	5
Refused	-	-	*
N=	454	420	1,589

*Asked among those who said they are not currently providing ongoing living assistance in Q14*

**Q19. How likely do you think it is that an aging family member or close friend will need ongoing living assistance in the next five years? Would you say extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Excellent/Very likely</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>
Extremely likely	13	11	11
Very likely	18	17	16
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>
Not too likely	22	22	24
Not at all likely	16	22	23
Don't know	1	3	3
Refused	1	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>379</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>1,414</i>

*Asked among those saying somewhat, very or extremely likely in Q19*

**Q19C. Do you think you, personally, will be responsible for providing that ongoing living assistance, or will someone else be providing that care?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
You	29	27	32
Someone else	58	54	50
COMBINATION (Vol.)	9	10	12
Don't know	4	9	6
Refused	-	-	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>691</i>

Asked among those saying "You" or "Combination" in Q19C

**Q19D. Do you, personally, feel extremely prepared, very prepared, somewhat prepared, not too prepared, or not at all prepared to provide ongoing living assistance to that aging family member or friend?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Extremely/Very prepared</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>
Extremely prepared	7	6	8
Very prepared	12	18	20
<b>Somewhat prepared</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all prepared</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>
Not too prepared	19	20	14
Not at all prepared	8	7	6
Don't know	3	-	*
Refused	-	-	-
N=	81	68	279

**NO Q19E, Q20-Q22 IN 2015 SURVEY**

**Q23. Thinking about your current/possible needs for ongoing living assistance, how confident are you that you will have the financial resources to pay for any care you need as you get older? Would you say extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Extremely/Very confident</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>
Extremely confident	9	8	9
Very confident	21	19	23
<b>Somewhat confident</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Not too/Not confident at all</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>
Not too confident	17	15	17
Not confident at all	16	19	14
Don't know	*	1	2
Refused	*	1	*
N=	485	460	1,735

**NO Q24-Q26 IN 2015 SURVEY**

**Q27. How much planning, if any, did you do/have you done for your own needs for ongoing living assistance?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
A great deal	8	10	9
Quite a bit	8	10	12
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>
Only a little	19	20	22
None at all	47	35	31
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	*	*	*
N=	485	460	1,735

**Q28. If Q27 equals "None at all":**

**The following actions might be considered planning for living assistance even if you haven't thought about them that way.**

*Asked among all others:*

**What actions have you taken to plan for your own needs as you age? Have you (ITEM) or not?**

**RANDOMIZED**

Created a legal document such as a living will or advance treatment directive that allows someone you trust to make decisions for you if you cannot on your own<sup>2</sup>

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	50	51	51
No	50	48	49
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	*	1	*
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<sup>2</sup> In 2013 and 2014, this question read: "Created an advanced directive, sometimes called a living will, that allows someone you trust to make decisions for you if you cannot on your own"

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Discussed your preferences for the kinds of ongoing living assistance you do or do not want with your family

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	34	39	42
No	65	60	57
Don't know	1	*	*
Refused	-	1	*
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Set aside money to pay for ongoing living assistance expenses including nursing home care, senior community, or care from a home health care aide

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	33	35	33
No	66	64	66
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	*	1	1
N=	485	460	1,735

Looked for information about aging issues and ongoing living assistance

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	21	31	24
No	79	69	75
Don't know	-	-	*
Refused	-	*	*
N=	485	460	1,735

Modified your home in any way to make it easier to live in as you grow older

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	28	26	27
No	72	73	73
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	-	*	*
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Moved/made plans to move to a community or facility designed for older adults

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	7	8	6
No	93	92	93
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	-	*	*
<i>N=</i>	485	460	1,735

Discussed your preferences for your funeral arrangements with someone you trust

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	62	64	65
No	38	35	34
Don't know	-	1	*
Refused	-	1	*
<i>N=</i>	485	460	1,735

Looked for information about long term care insurance. That's extra insurance that covers expenses of ongoing living assistance.

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	27	28
No	71	71
Don't know	1	*
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	460	1,735



**Q29A. Thinking about private health insurance plans generally in the United States, as far as you know, does a typical health insurance plan pay for (ITEM) or not?**

**IF R ASKS ABOUT “TYPICAL” PLAN:** By typical health insurance plans we mean private health insurance plans in the United States generally.

**IF R ASKS ABOUT PRIVATE HEALTH PLANS:** Private health insurance plans are those that you receive through an employer, union, or that you purchase directly from an insurance company or through a state or federal marketplace, exchange, or HealthCare.gov. This does not include Medicare, Medicaid or TRICARE, or insurance through the Veteran’s Administration or the Indian Health Service.

**RANDOMIZED**

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Depends (Vol.)	Don’t know	Refused
Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and other assistive devices	46	29	8	17	-
Ongoing care at home by a licensed home health care aide	25	49	6	20	*
Ongoing care in nursing home	14	54	10	22	-

*N=460*

National Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Depends (Vol.)	Don’t know	Refused
Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and other assistive devices	47	30	9	15	*
Ongoing care at home by a licensed home health care aide	25	49	8	18	*
Ongoing care in nursing home	18	55	7	20	*

*N=1,735*

**Q29B. Medicare is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors. As far as you know, does Medicare pay for (ITEM) or not?<sup>3</sup>**

**RANDOMIZED**

California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	Yes	No	Depends (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused
Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and other assistive devices	74	12	5	10	-
Ongoing care at home by a licensed home health care aide	37	33	5	26	*
Ongoing care in nursing home	33	33	6	28	*

*N=485*

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Depends (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused
Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and other assistive devices	55	14	7	25	-
Ongoing care at home by a licensed home health care aide	28	31	7	33	-
Ongoing care in nursing home	26	28	12	33	-

*N=460*

National Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Depends (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused
Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and other assistive devices	62	12	8	18	-
Ongoing care at home by a licensed home health care aide	36	27	10	27	-
Ongoing care in nursing home	34	27	12	27	*

*N=1,735*

**Q30. Medicaid is a government health care coverage program for low income people and people with certain disabilities. Do you think you will need Medicaid to help pay for your ongoing living assistance expenses as you grow older or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	38	38	37
No	52	48	51
Don't know	10	14	12
Refused	*	*	*

*N=*

*485*

*460*

*1,725*

**NO Q31 IN 2015 SURVEY.**

<sup>3</sup> Note: This series of questions was labeled "Q29" in 2014.

**Q32. To help Americans prepare for the costs of ongoing living assistance, would you favor, oppose, or neither favor or oppose (ITEM)? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?**

**RANDOMIZED**

California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	<b>Total favor</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
Tax breaks to encourage saving for ongoing living assistance expenses	<b>79</b>	55	24	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	4	5	2	-
A government administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	<b>59</b>	40	19	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	9	17	3	2
A requirement that individuals purchase private long-term care insurance	<b>36</b>	20	16	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>	17	27	5	*
Tax breaks for consumers who purchase long-term care insurance	<b>73</b>	50	23	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	6	7	3	1
The ability for individuals to purchase long-term care insurance through their employer that is portable if they pay the premium after they leave the job, similar to COBRA	<b>71</b>	45	26	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	7	7	4	1

N=485

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**Q32 continued...**

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	<b>Total favor</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
Tax breaks to encourage saving for ongoing living assistance expenses	<b>70</b>	50	20	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	4	7	5	*
A government administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	<b>59</b>	38	21	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	5	17	7	*
A requirement that individuals purchase private long-term care insurance	<b>32</b>	16	16	<b>10</b>	<b>53</b>	17	36	4	1
Tax breaks for consumers who purchase long-term care insurance	<b>69</b>	47	21	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	5	7	6	*
The ability for individuals to purchase long-term care insurance through their employer that is portable if they pay the premium after they leave the job, similar to COBRA	<b>72</b>	46	26	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	6	5	6	1

*N=460*

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**Q32 continued...**

	<b>Total favor</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
National Sample 4/7-5/15/15									
Tax breaks to encourage saving for ongoing living assistance expenses	<b>75</b>	51	24	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	4	7	4	*
A government administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	<b>59</b>	34	25	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	7	18	5	*
A requirement that individuals purchase private long-term care insurance	<b>29</b>	13	15	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>	17	37	4	*
Tax breaks for consumers who purchase long-term care insurance	<b>71</b>	45	26	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	5	8	5	1
The ability for individuals to purchase long-term care insurance through their employer that is portable if they pay the premium after they leave the job, similar to COBRA	<b>72</b>	46	26	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	4	7	6	1

*N=1,735*

Q33\_1-Q33b asked only of California residents

**Q33\_1. Have you heard of California’s In-Home Supportive Services program, which is also called IHSS, or have you not heard of this program before?**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes, heard of it	31
No, not heard of it	69
Don’t know	*
Refused	-
N=	460

**Q33A. If Q27 equals “Yes, heard of it”:**

**As you may know...**

*Among all others:*

The In-Home Supportive Services Program, called IHSS for short, is a program in California available to MediCal eligible adults ages 65 and older and people with disabilities. It pays for ongoing living assistance so participants can receive services in their own home rather than moving to a nursing home or other care facility.

IHSS participants are responsible for hiring the person who will provide their ongoing living assistance in their own home. Providers can be family members or friends of the participant.

Under the current IHSS program, providers do not have to have any formal training on providing ongoing living assistance.

Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a requirement, paid for by the state of California, that would provide formal training?

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Total favor</b>	<b>65</b>
Strongly favor	41
Somewhat favor	24
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>18</b>
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose	11
Don’t know	2
Refused	-
N=	460

**Q33B. Sometimes IHSS participants require more than 40 hours a week of care to meet their ongoing living assistance needs. Currently IHSS providers are not eligible to receive overtime pay. There have been discussions about a law that would give these providers overtime benefits, meaning if the provider spends more than 40 hours per week providing ongoing living assistance services, they would receive overtime pay for those hours.**

**How likely do you think it is that paying providers overtime benefits would [ITEM]?**

**IF NECESSARY: Sometimes IHSS participants require more than 40 hours a week of care to meet their ongoing living assistance needs. Currently IHSS providers are not eligible to receive overtime pay. There have been discussions about a law that would give these providers overtime benefits, meaning if the provider spends more than 40 hours per week providing ongoing living assistance services, they would receive overtime pay for those hours.**

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	<b>Extremely/Very likely</b>	Extremely likely	Very likely	<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	Not too likely	Not at all likely	DK	Ref.
Increase the cost of the program for California taxpayers	<b>66</b>	35	31	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	5	5	3	*
Lead the state to limit IHSS providers to 40 hours of work per week, meaning some IHSS participants might need to hire additional providers to get all of the ongoing living assistance they need	<b>45</b>	18	27	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	7	8	8	1
Improve working conditions for IHSS providers	<b>40</b>	19	20	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	12	13	3	1
Lead the state to limit IHSS providers to 40 hours of work per week, meaning that some IHSS participants might not receive as much ongoing living assistance as they need	<b>39</b>	17	21	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	7	7	9	1
Lead more qualified people to become IHSS providers	<b>37</b>	16	21	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	12	10	5	*

N=460

**Q34. [If respondent receives ongoing living assistance] Are you under the care of one or more health care providers or not? Health care providers include doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physical therapists, and occupational therapists.**

**[If respondent provides ongoing living assistance to someone else] Thinking of the person that you provide ongoing living assistance to, is that person under the care of one or more health care providers or not? Health care providers include doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physical therapists, and occupational therapists.**

**[If respondent provides ongoing living assistance to more than one person, respondents asked to answer about the person they provide the most care.]**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	81	80
No	14	18
Don't know	5	2
Refused	*	*
<i>N</i> =	125	431



*Asked among those saying "Yes" in Q34*

**Q35. [If respondent receives ongoing living assistance] How many doctors or other health care providers do you receive care from regularly?**

**[If respondent provides ongoing living assistance] Thinking again of the person that you provide ongoing living assistance to, how many doctors or other health care providers does the person receive care from regularly?**

**IF R ASKS FOR DEFINITION OF "REGULARLY": Regularly means you see that doctor or health care provider more than once a year.**

**IF R ASKS WHICH "HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS" TO INCLUDE IN THE COUNT: Health care providers include doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physical therapists, and occupational therapists that you see individually. Do not count providers separately if you see them as part of the same visit.**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
1	16	16
2	19	22
3	17	24
4	18	13
5 or more	24	23
Don't know	7	3
Refused	-	*
<i>N=</i>	92	335

Asked among those saying 2 or more in Q35

**Q36. [If respondent receives ongoing living assistance] How well do you feel your doctors and other health care providers communicate *with each other* about your condition, care, and treatment?**

**[If respondent provides ongoing living assistance] How well do you feel that the person's doctors and other health care providers communicate *with each other* about his or her condition, care, and treatment?**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Extremely/Very well</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>
Extremely well	15	18
Very well	27	29
<b>Somewhat well</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Not too/Not well at all</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
Not too well	14	14
Not well at all	14	15
Don't know	1	2
Refused	-	-
N=	71	269

Asked among those saying 2 or more in Q35

**Q37. [If respondent receives ongoing living assistance] Do you have....**

**[If respondent provides ongoing living assistance] Does the person you provide ongoing living assistance to have....**

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A single care manager who serves as a point of contact and can coordinate all aspects of your/their care?	64	35	1	-
An individualized care plan designed to take into account your/their personal goals and preferences?	50	38	11	-

N=71

National Sample 4/7-5/15/15	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A single care manager who serves as a point of contact and can coordinate all aspects of your/their care?	67	31	2	-
An individualized care plan designed to take into account your/their personal goals and preferences?	58	36	6	*

N=268

Asked among those saying "Yes" to each item in Q37

**Q38. [If respondent receives ongoing living assistance] Do you feel that having [INSERT ITEM] has improved your care a lot, a little or not at all?**

**[If respondent provides ongoing living assistance] Do you feel that having [INSERT ITEM] has improved the care of the person you provide ongoing living assistance to a lot, a little or not at all?**

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know	Refused
A single care manager who serves as a point of contact and can coordinate all aspects of your/their care? N=43	79	12	8	1	-
An individualized care plan designed to take into account your/their personal goals and preferences? N=35	66	13	1	20	-

National Sample 4/7-5/15/15	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know	Refused
A single care manager who serves as a point of contact and can coordinate all aspects of your/their care? N=173	73	20	5	1	-
An individualized care plan designed to take into account your/their personal goals and preferences? N=142	64	26	5	5	-

Asked among those saying "No" to each item in Q37

**Q39. [If respondent receives ongoing living assistance] Do you feel that having [INSERT ITEM] would improve your care a lot, a little or not at all?**

**[If respondent provides ongoing living assistance] Do you feel that having [INSERT ITEM] would improve the care of the person you provide ongoing living assistance to a lot, a little or not at all?**

California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know	Refused
A single care manager who serves as a point of contact and can coordinate all aspects of your/their care? N=28	46	16	35	4	-
An individualized care plan designed to take into account your/their personal goals and preferences? N=36	43	14	37	6	-

National Sample 4/7-5/15/15	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know	Refused
A single care manager who serves as a point of contact and can coordinate all aspects of your/their care? N=96	39	26	27	6	1
An individualized care plan designed to take into account your/their personal goals and preferences? N=126	37	38	23	3	-

The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be combined with those of other participants to this survey.

**Ins1. The next questions are about health insurance. Please include health insurance obtained through employment or purchased directly as well as government programs like Medicare and Medicaid that provide medical care or help pay medical bills. Are you covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of health care plan or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	82	91	88
No	17	9	11
Don't know	1	*	*
Refused	1	-	*
N=	485	460	1,735

*Asked if Ins1 equals "Yes," "Don't know" or "Refused"*

**Ins2. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, [IF MARRIED] a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?<sup>4</sup>**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Private	55		
Plan purchased through employer		29	35
Plan purchased through spouse's employer		10	11
Plan purchased yourself		12	11
Medicare	32	25	28
Medicaid	5	4	6
Other	7	14	7
More than one kind (Vol.)	*		
Don't know	1	4	2
Refused	*	2	1
N=		429	1,587

<sup>4</sup> In 2013 and 2014, this question read: "What kind of health insurance or health care coverage do you have? Is it Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance that you buy through your employer or on your own, or some other type?"

**Ins2A. In addition to Medicare, do you have health insurance coverage through Medicaid, or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	19	27	22
No	80	70	76
Don't know	1	3	2
Refused	-	-	-
<i>N=</i>	168	114	464

**Ins2B. In addition to Medicaid, do you have health insurance coverage through Medicare, or not?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	23	26	20
No	66	74	75
Don't know	11	-	5
Refused	-	-	-
<i>N=</i>	16	18	84

**Ins2C. As far as you know, does your health insurance pay for ongoing living assistance services should you need them, or not?**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	32	31
No	37	38
Don't know	31	30
Refused	1	*
<i>N=</i>	429	1,587

**Ins3. Do you currently have long-term care insurance from a private insurance company, or not? That’s extra insurance that covers expenses of ongoing living assistance.**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	16	16	17
No	80	81	80
Don’t know	3	2	2
Refused	1	1	1
<i>N=</i>	485	460	1,735

*Asked among those saying “Yes” in Ins3*

**Ins4. Some people sometimes mistakenly think that other kinds of health insurance cover long-term care. How sure are you that you have private insurance that specifically covers long-term care – are you very sure of this, somewhat sure, neither sure nor unsure, somewhat unsure or very unsure?**

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	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Total sure</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>83</b>
Very sure	68	53	64
Somewhat sure	16	17	19
<b>Neither sure nor unsure</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total unsure</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>
Somewhat unsure	7	7	4
Very unsure	10	17	10
Don’t know	-	4	10
Refused	-	-	2
<i>N=</i>	87	52	318

**Ins3/Ins4 combined.**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Have LTC insurance</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Very sure	11	9	11
Somewhat sure	3	3	3
Less sure/Don’t know	3	4	3
<b>Do not have LTC insurance</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>
Don’t know	3	3	3
Refused	1	1	1
<i>N=</i>	485	460	1,735

**D1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Democrat	35	32	33
Republican	16	18	23
Independent	21	24	23
None of these	24	22	18
Don't know	*	1	1
Refused	3	3	2
N=	485	460	1,735

**D2. IF "Democrat," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?**

**IF "Republican," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?**

**IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," DK OR REFUSED ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
<b>Democrat</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>
Democrat - strong	18	14	18
Democrat - moderate	18	17	15
Democrat - unknown intensity	*	1	*
Ind/None/DK/Ref. - Lean Democrat	14	15	13
<b>Ind/None/DK/Ref. - DO NOT LEAN</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>
Ind/None/DK/Ref. - Lean Republican	11	11	12
Republican - unknown intensity	-	*	*
Republican - moderate	9	11	12
Republican - strong	7	7	10
<b>None/Other/DK/Refused</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
None/DK/Ref. - lean others	2	1	1
Independent - lean others	1	2	1
None - lean DK/Refused	3	4	2
DK - lean DK/Refused	*	1	*
Refused - lean DK/Refused	3	2	1
N=	485	460	1,735



**D4. Are you, yourself, currently employed...**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Full-time	34	36	41
Part-time	14	9	10
Not employed	52	55	49
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	*	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	-	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>485</i>		<i>1,735</i>

**D\_FB. Were you born in the United States or in another country?**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
In the United States	80	89
In another country	20	11
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	*
<i>N=1,735</i>	<i>460</i>	

**CADEM2. Do you speak a language other than English at home?**

	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	29	14
No	71	86
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	*
<i>N=1,735</i>	<i>460</i>	

**D6. In what year were you born?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
40-54	44	45	41
55-64	26	26	27
65-74	15	12	16
75-84	9	10	10
85+	2	5	4
Refused, but confirmed age 40+ (DO NOT READ)		1	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		
<i>N=</i>	485	460	1,735

**D7. What is the last grade of school you completed?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Less than high school graduate	11	13	11
High school graduate	28	27	32
Technical/trade school	2	2	3
Some college	20	20	17
College graduate (BA or BS)	23	22	20
Some graduate school	3	3	2
Graduate degree (PhD, MD, JD, Master's Degree)	12	14	15
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	-	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	*	*
<i>N=</i>	485		1,735

**D12. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Yes	27	27	11
No	72	72	88
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	-	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	1	*
<i>N=</i>	485	460	1,735

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If Hispanic, Latin or Spanish origin in D12, ask:

**D13. In addition to being of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]**

If not Hispanic/Latino/Spanish in D12, ask:

**D14. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]**

**ONLY IF RESPONDENT NEEDS “PROMPTING,” INTERVIEWER SHOULD READ: Are you White, Black, Asian or some other race? BUT THE RESPONSE ARE STILL CODED INTO THE MATRIX BELOW.**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
White, Caucasian	52	63	74
Black, African-American	7	6	11
American Indian, Alaska Native	2	4	5
Asian Indian	1	1	1
Native Hawaiian	*	*	*
Chinese	1	1	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-	-	-
Filipino	1	1	*
Samoan	-	-	-
Japanese	*	1	*
Korean	-	-	-
Vietnamese	-	-	*
Other Asian	2	1	*
Other Pacific Islander	-	-	-
[VOL] Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	16	15	6
Some other race [SPECIFY]	6	9	3
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	1	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6	4	3
N=	485	460	1,735

**D16. How many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
0	11	40	18
1	77	51	69
2	9	6	9
3	1	1	2
4	*	2	1
5 or more	1	*	*
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	*	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	1	1
N=	485	460	1,735

**D17. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
0	24	32	34
1	71	65	63
2	2	2	2
3	*	*	*
4	*	*	*
5 or more	*	*	*
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1	*	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	1	*
N=	485	460	1,735

**D20. Does your total household income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher?**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: If asked, this is 'yearly' household income**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Below \$50,000 (ASK D21)	42	46	43
\$50,000+ (ASK D22)	52	47	50
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2	3	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5	4	5
N=	485	460	1,735

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Ask if "BELOW \$50K" in D20

**D21. And in which group does your total household income fall?**

Ask if "\$50K or higher" in D20

**D22. And in which group does your total household income fall?**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Under \$10,000	8	10	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	12	8	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9	9	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	7	9	7
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7	5	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16	13	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13	13	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9	8	10
\$150,000 or more	16	9	9
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2	7	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	8	10
<i>N=</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>460</i>	<i>1,735</i>

**D24. INTERVIEWER RECORD GENDER (IF YOU ARE UNSURE, ASK THE FOLLOWING: Are you male or female?)**

	California Sample 3/13-4/23/14	California Sample 4/7-5/15/15	National Sample 4/7-5/15/15
Male	48	48	47
Female	52	52	53
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	-	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	-	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>485</i>	<i>460</i>	<i>1,735</i>

### **Study Methodology**

This survey, funded by The SCAN Foundation, was conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research between the dates of April 7 and May 15, 2015. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago, the Associated Press, and The SCAN Foundation collaborated on all aspects of the study.

This survey of the 50 states and the District of Columbia was conducted via telephone with 1,735 adults age 40 and older. In households with more than one adult 40 and older, we used a process that randomly selected which eligible adult would be interviewed. The sample included 1,130 respondents on landlines and 605 respondents on cell phones. The sample also included an oversample of Californians 40 years and older. The sample includes 460 residents of California ages 40 and older. In addition, the sample included an oversample of Hispanics 40 years and older. The sample includes 419 Hispanics ages 40 and older.

Respondents on landline phones were selected randomly within households. For households with two eligible adults age 40 or older, one respondent was selected randomly by the CATI system. For households with three adults or more age 40 or older, the respondent who most recently celebrated a birthday at the time of the call was selected. If the selected respondent was not available at the time of the call, interviewers were trained to set up a time to call back to speak with that respondent. To avoid an imbalance of older respondents on landline telephones, an additional screening criterion was added after we had surpassed the population proportion of adults age 65 and older (using ACS<sup>5</sup> and NHIS<sup>6</sup> estimates), such that landline households where all adults are age 65 and older were ineligible after this point. We continued to interview some adults age 65 and older after this point, on cell phones, and in households reached via landline where at least one adult was under the age of 65. Cell phone respondents were offered a monetary incentive of \$5 for participating, as compensation for telephone usage charges. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. All interviews were completed by professional interviewers who were carefully trained on the specific survey for this study.

The random digit dial (RDD) sample, including the California oversample, was provided by a third-party vendor, Marketing Systems Group. The final response rate for the overall sample was 11 percent, based on the American Association of Public Opinion Research Response Rate 3 method. Additionally, the final response rate for the California sample was 11 percent and the final response rate for the Hispanic sample was 3 percent.

The sampling frame utilizes the standard dual telephone frames (landline and cell), with an oversample of numbers from the state of California, and a supplemental sample of both landline and cell numbers targeting households with Hispanic adults. The targeted sample was provided by Scientific Telephone Samples and was pulled from a number of different commercial consumer databases and demographic data. Sampling weights were calculated to adjust for sample design aspects (such as unequal probabilities of within household selection) and for nonresponse bias arising from differential response rates across various demographic groups. Poststratification variables included age, sex, race, region, education, and landline/cell phone use. The weighted data, which thus reflect the U.S. population, were used for all analyses. The overall margin of sampling error was +/- 3.2 percentage points, adjusted for

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<sup>5</sup> United States Census Bureau. American Community Survey, 2014.

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/2013\\_release/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2013_release/)

<sup>6</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Health Interview Survey, 2014.

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis\\_2013\\_data\\_release.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_2013_data_release.htm)

design effect resulting from the complex sample design. The California sample's margin of sampling error was +/- 5.4 percentage points and the Hispanic sample's margin of sampling error was +/- 6.0 percentage points, both also adjusted for design effect resulting from the complex sample design.

A complete study report is available on the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research long-term care website: [www.longtermcarepoll.org](http://www.longtermcarepoll.org).

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