The nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) will release its eighth annual Health Confidence Survey (HCS) on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005.

The HCS
The survey, co-sponsored by EBRI and Mathew Greenwald & Associates, a public opinion and market research organization, will discuss such issues as: How satisfied are Americans with the quality of the health care they receive? How satisfied are they with the cost of their health care? Have rising health care costs caused Americans to change the way they use health care?

How survey will be released
An EBRI Notes article detailing the main findings of the survey will be posted on the EBRI Web site, www.ebri.org, at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18. A press release and other materials will be posted and e-mailed to reporters and EBRI subscribers at the same time.

Expert comment
Paul Fronstin, director of the EBRI health research and education program and co-author of the EBRI Notes article about the survey, will be available Tuesday, Oct. 18, for interviews at 202/775-6352 or fronstin@ebri.org.

Reporters with questions
Reporters who need help obtaining the EBRI Notes article, the press release, or scheduling an interview with Paul Fronstin should contact Steve Blakely, EBRI director of communications, at 202/775-6341 or blakely@ebri.org.

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