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EBRI to Release Health Confidence Survey Wednesday, Oct. 25

The nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) will release its ninth annual Health Confidence Survey (HCS) on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006. This year's survey will address such questions as:

- What impact have rising health care costs had on Americans' satisfaction with the U.S. health care system?
- How satisfied are Americans with their own health care plan?
- What health care issues should be priorities for Congress?

The Health Confidence Survey

The survey is co-sponsored by EBRI and Mathew Greenwald & Associates, a public opinion and market research organization, and is based on 20-minute telephone interviews with 1,000 U.S. residents ages 21 and older. Since 1998, the Health Confidence Survey has tracked a broad spectrum of health care issues of interest to the American public.

How the survey will be released

This year's survey will be released at 12:01 a.m. EDT, Wednesday, Oct. 25. An embargoed press release will be e-mailed to reporters and EBRI subscribers at noon EDT Tuesday, Oct. 24, to accommodate reporters who wish to publish or broadcast stories on the morning of Oct. 25. An *EBRI Notes* article detailing the main survey findings and the press release will be posted on the EBRI Web site, www.ebri.org, early on Oct. 25.

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 for interviews.

Reporters with questions

Reporters who need help obtaining the *EBRI Notes* article, the press release, or scheduling an interview with Paul Fronstin should contact John MacDonald, EBRI director of media relations, at 202-775-6349.

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