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Philadelphia District Health Center Broad and Morris Sts.

New Poll Shows Pennsylvanians Wants Health Care Reform

Poll to be released Monday October, 1, at 11AM outside of Philadelphia District Health Center 2 at Broad and Morris Sts. Philadelphia.

A poll conducted by pollsters who work for both the Republican and Democratic legislative caucuses will be released by representatives of the Health Access Network on Monday. The poll tests opinions of Pennsylvanians on the health care system in the state and possible reforms needed. It was conducted between September 11 and 17, 2007 and 809 Pennsylvanians were interviewed.

The poll shows that while most Pennsylvanians are satisfied with their own health care coverage, most think that the overall system is fair or poor. Their leading concerns are the rising costs and lack of coverage for the uninsured. Most are unfamiliar with Governor Rendell's Prescription for Pennsylvania health care reforms, but of those familiar a substantial majority support the plan. When the plan is explained 2/3s of those polled supported the Rx4PA. Respondents supported funding the plan by a 3% payroll tax on businesses not providing insurance to their workforce by a two to one margin. They even more strongly supported an increase in tobacco taxes to support the plan.

The poll will be released by members of the Health Access Network, a coalition formed to work for improved access to health care for the uninsured. The poll was conducted jointly on behalf of Pennsylvanians United for Affordable Health Care by the Global Strategy Group and the Susquehanna Polling and Research Group.

On Oct. 2nd Buses will take citizens to Harrisburg from all over PA to lobby for health care reform and the Prescription for Pennsylvania. Buses will leave Philadelphia at 7:45 AM at 16th and JFK Blvd. A rally will be held in the Capitol rotunda at 1PM.

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