Nearly 4 in 10 Americans say cancer patients should not have access to opioids unless restricted

40% of Americans say cancer patients who used opioids in the past 12 months had trouble accessing them

Americans support medical marijuana, but access is limited

83% of Americans support the use of medical marijuana among cancer patients

48% of cancer patients who used medical marijuana in the past year had difficulty accessing it

58% of patients with pain had more information about the benefits of medical marijuana for symptom relief

Cancer’s Financial and Access Challenges

Just as many Americans are worried about cancer’s financial impact as are concerned about access to care

61% of caregivers say they or a loved one have taken at least one onerous step to pay for cancer care (including:

- Increased credit card debt
- Taking money out of savings
- Selling assets
- Working more
- Borrowing
- Taking on an additional job
- Spending any money other than retirement funds
- Selling a home or property
- Taking out a loan
- Akin to cancer care

42% of cancer patients experienced barriers to accessing the best possible care due to health insurance coverage

Proximity to Cancer Care in Rural Areas

Rural patients are nearly 2X as likely to say there aren’t enough cancer doctors near them as non-rural patients

Rural patients typically spend 66% more time traveling one way to see their cancer doctor

Americans’ Expectations of Government

Regardless of political affiliation, Americans want the government to take concrete steps to lower prescription drug costs

86% of Americans support proposals to regulate the price drug companies charge for prescription drugs

77% say drug prices should be regulated for all medications, not just for cancer drugs

67% say government should spend more money on cancer research and care

58% say government should spend more money on Medicare to make it more affordable

14% say drug prices should be regulated to lower the cost of treatments

35% of respondents agreed to the statement: "I have/had cancer"