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TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Remington Research Group  
RE: RPAN National Survey  
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## KEY POLL FINDINGS

The data in the latest polling conducted by Remington Research Group indicate 80% of Americans (84% of women) are concerned about reimbursement cuts to doctors. Between 80 and 90% of Americans believe the surprise coverage gap between screening and diagnostic mammograms should be closed.

Additionally, Americans overwhelmingly oppose the administration's plan to cut reimbursement to imaging services. Most Americans agree cuts to Medicare providers are equivalent to Medicare cuts, and nearly three quarters believe we should be investing more into diagnostic imaging.

Over three quarters of Americans believe every American should have access to health care services regardless of geography or individual characteristics. Nearly half of Americans have experienced delays or impediments to receiving vital diagnostic imaging services over the past two years.

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*Q: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have proposed significant cuts to Medicare payments to doctors. In the coming years, some medical specialties may face 10 percent cuts or more. This comes at a time of rising personnel costs, supply shortages and patient backlogs. Please select the response below that most accurately describes your level of concern.*

*Extremely concerned: 49%*  
*Somewhat concerned: 31%*  
*Not concerned at all: 11%*  
*I would need to know more: 9%*

*Q: Do you believe women should receive screening mammograms for free, but then be forced to pay over \$1,000 for diagnostic mammograms and follow-up imaging to diagnose potential cancer?*

*Yes: 19%*  
*No: 62%*  
*Not sure: 20%*

*Q: Do you agree or disagree with the government's proposal to pay healthcare providers less for women's annual mammograms and other lifesaving imaging services?*

*Agree: 10%*  
*Disagree: 74%*  
*Not sure: 16%*



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*Q: Do you agree or disagree with the government's proposal to pay healthcare providers less for your Medicare services?*

*Agree: 9%*

*Disagree: 76%*

*Not sure: 15%*

*Q: Do you believe that cutting payments to healthcare providers for Medicare services is equivalent to a Medicare cut?*

*Agree: 53%*

*Disagree: 24%*

*Not sure: 23%*

*Q: Do you believe the government should be investing more in health care services including lifesaving diagnostic imaging like mammography?*

*Agree: 73%*

*Disagree: 11%*

*Not sure: 16%*

*Q: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) defines health equity as the attainment of the highest level of health for all people, where everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their optimal health regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, preferred language, and other factors that affect access to care and health outcomes. Do you believe everyone deserves access to health equity?*

*Yes: 76%*

*No: 12%*

*Not sure: 12%*

*Q: In the past two years, have you experienced any of the following barriers to access for imaging care?*

*Closure of doctor's office or imaging center: 14%*

*Having to travel farther for imaging care: 13%*

*Longer times to schedule imaging care: 16%*

*Longer office wait times in to receive imaging care: 6%*

*Longer times awaiting results of imaging exams: 3%*

*Last-minute cancellation or rescheduling of imaging exams: 3%*

*Other/none [CAPTURE VERBATIM]: 45%*