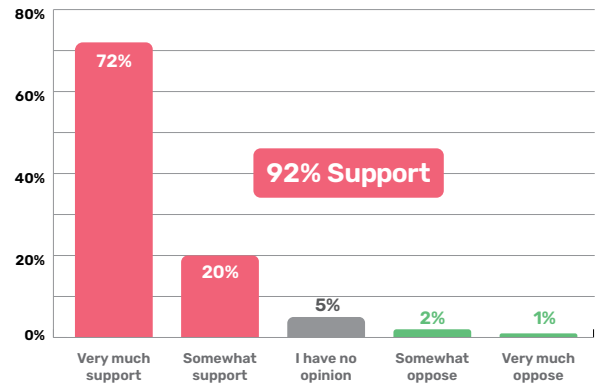


# Voters are ready for Medicare Dental

**9 out of 10 American voters now favor adding a dental benefit to Medicare.**

A recent national poll of 1,000 registered voters, commissioned by CareQuest Institute for Oral Health, found 92% of respondents support including a dental benefit in Medicare. The overwhelming level of support, an improvement over prior polling, is consistent across the political spectrum. The benefit's popularity is up 14 percentage points from the already high support last measured in 2020 for CareQuest Institute. Voters now rank adding oral health coverage to Medicare among the most important health care issues for candidates to address in the 2024 election, on par with abortion.

Do you support or oppose including a dental benefit in Medicare?



## How popular is including oral health coverage in Medicare?



**Embraced by Donald Trump supporters.** More than four out of five voters (85%) who voted for Trump in both the 2016 and 2020 elections support adding a dental benefit to Medicare. Nearly two-thirds (64%) “very much” support the reform.



**Nearly universal support on the left.** Approval of Medicare dental is nearly universal among voters who supported Hillary Clinton in 2016 and Joe Biden in 2020, with fewer than 0.5% of Clinton-Biden voters opposed.



**Popular with both young and older voters.** Overall, support for the reform is high regardless of income, education, race, ethnicity, ideology, partisan leanings, age, or even participation in Medicare. Nine out of ten young adults – aged 18 to 24, those farthest away from Medicare age – supported adding a dental benefit to Medicare. Even 92% of those who do not have Medicare support adding oral health coverage.



**Key issue for voters.** Six in 10 voters say a candidate's endorsement of the reform would make them more likely to support that candidate. Just 8% would lean the other way. (The remaining respondents said they would not be swayed either way.)

## Candidates, want to sync with your constituents and add your support for Medicare dental?

- Demonstrate your public support for key oral health policies by filling out this form: [Candidate Support Form](#)
- Learn more about the health and economic benefits of a dental benefit under Medicare at [carequest.org](https://carequest.org)



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