

60 Percent Oppose Obamacare Cadillac Tax

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The public opposes ObamaCare's "Cadillac Tax" on high-cost health insurance plans by a wide margin, according to a new poll.

The poll from the Kaiser Family Foundation, which does nonpartisan healthcare analysis, finds that 60 percent of the public opposes the tax, while 28 percent favor it.

The tax is meant to help control healthcare spending by providing an incentive for employers to pare back their plans and shift some costs onto employees. It would impose a 40 percent tax on plans whose cost rises above a certain threshold and is set to take effect in 2018.

The tax would fall on a number of union health plans, who worry it will curtail employee health benefits.

It has drawn opposition from Republicans, as well as some Democrats, including Hillary Clinton, who announced her opposition on Tuesday.

She argued that already, "Too many Americans are struggling to meet the cost of rising deductibles and drug prices." Clinton wants to find a way to pay for repealing the tax, which is projected to bring in \$91 billion over 10 years.

Kaiser's poll finds that while only 8 percent of Republicans support the tax, 48 percent of Democrats support it. Only 36 percent of Democrats oppose it.

Opinion of the health law overall remains about the same as it has been throughout this year, with 41 percent having a favorable view and 45 percent an unfavorable view.

Thirty-one percent want to repeal the entire law. Eleven percent want to scale it back, 18 percent want to keep it as it is and 25 percent want to expand it.

The Obama administration announced earlier this year that Medicare would begin paying doctors to discuss end-of-life care with patients, a proposal that in the past had drawn some fears of “death panels.”

But the poll finds overwhelming support for the plan, at 81 percent.

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