## Exhibit 1. Majority of Americans Say Health Care System Needs Fundamental Change or Complete Rebuilding

| Percent reporting | Only minor changes needed | Fundamental changes needed | Rebuild completely |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 16 | 50 | 32 |
| Annual income |  |  |  |
| <\$35,000 | 11 | 51 | 38 |
| \$35,000-\$49,999 | 13 | 50 | 36 |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 16 | 51 | 31 |
| \$75,000 or more | 19 | 52 | 28 |
| Insurance status |  |  |  |
| Insured all year | 18 | 52 | 29 |
| Uninsured during year | 10 | 44 | 45 |
| U.S. region |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 13 | 51 | 35 |
| North Central | 16 | 50 | 32 |
| South | 15 | 51 | 33 |
| West | 21 | 48 | 29 |

## Exhibit 2. Access Problems: Three of Four Adults Have Difficulty Getting Timely Access to Their Doctor



## Exhibit 3. Poor Coordination of Care Is Common, Especially if Multiple Doctors Are Involved

|  | Number of Doctors Seen |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent reporting in past two years: | Any | 1 to 2 | $3+$ |
| After medical test, no one called or wrote you <br> about results, or you had to call repeatedly to <br> get results | 25 | 23 | 27 |
| Doctors failed to provide important information <br> about your medical history or test results to <br> other doctors or nurses you think should have it | 21 | 17 | 27 |
| Test results or medical records were not <br> available at the time of scheduled appointment | 19 | 15 | 24 |
| Your primary care physician did not receive a <br> report back from a specialist you saw | 15 | 11 | 22 |
| Your specialist did not receive basic medical <br> information from your primary care doctor | 13 | 10 | 17 |
| Any of the above | 47 | 41 | 56 |

## Exhibit 4. Potential Waste: One-Third of Adults Experience Duplicative or Unnecessary Care



## Exhibit 5. Administrative Hassles Related to Medical Bills and Insurance Are Serious Problems for More Than a Quarter of Adults

Percent reporting serious problems spending time on paperwork or disputes related to medical bills and health insurance in past two years


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## Exhibit 6. Majority Support More Accessible, Coordinated, and Well-Informed Care

| Percent reporting it is <br> very important/important that: | Total: <br> Very important <br> or important | Very <br> important | Important |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| You have one place/doctor responsible <br> for primary care and coordinating care | 91 | 66 | 25 |
| On nights and weekends, you have a <br> place to go besides ER | 89 | 58 | 30 |
| You have easy access to your own <br> medical records | 94 | 68 | 27 |
| All your doctors have easy access to <br> your medical records <br> You have information about the <br> quality of care provided by different <br> doctors/hospitals <br> You have information about the costs of <br> care to you before you actually get care | 96 | 68 | 24 |

Note: Subgroups may not sum to total due to rounding.
Source: Commonwealth Fund Survey of Public Views of the U.S. Health Care System, 2008.

## Exhibit 7. Strong Support for Use of Information Technology to Improve Patient Care

| Percent reporting <br> very important/important <br> for improving patient care: | Total: <br> Very important <br> or important | 86 | Very <br> important |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Doctors use computerized medical <br> records | 89 | 41 | 45 |
| Doctors can access your tests results, <br> such as lab tests or X-rays, <br> electronically | 89 | 53 | 36 |
| Doctors can share information <br> electronically with other doctors <br> Doctors prescribe your medications <br> electronically | 71 | 32 | 39 |

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## Exhibit 8. Few Adults Have Internet/E-Mail Access to Their Records or Doctors; Many Would Like It

| Among those with <br> Internet access, <br> percent reporting ability to: | Access your <br> medical <br> records via <br> the Internet | Schedule <br> appointments <br> via e-mail <br> or Internet | Communicate <br> with your <br> doctors <br> via e-mail |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 9 | 19 | 21 |

## Exhibit 9. Support for Doctors Working in Teams and Groups to Improve Patient Care

Percent reporting very important/important for improving patient care


## Exhibit 10. Political Support for Change: Majority Think Next President Should Address Health Care Quality, Costs, and Coverage

| Percent reporting very important/ important presidential candidates include measures to: | Improve the quality of health care | Ensure care and insurance are affordable | Decrease the number of uninsured |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 90 | 93 | 88 |
| Annual income |  |  |  |
| Less than \$35,000 | 94 | 97 | 95 |
| \$35,000-\$49,999 | 95 | 95 | 90 |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 90 | 91 | 90 |
| \$75,000 or more | 84 | 89 | 80 |
| U.S. region |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 91 | 95 | 90 |
| North Central | 89 | 93 | 84 |
| South | 91 | 94 | 90 |
| West | 87 | 91 | 86 |
| Political affiliation: |  |  |  |
| Democrat | 96 | 98 | 97 |
| Independent | 87 | 91 | 85 |
| Republican | 84 | 90 | 76 |

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