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## **SURVEY: TWO OUT OF THREE PHYSICIANS HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPRESSION OF THE AHCA**

**58% of physicians have a “strongly” negative impression of bill newly passed by the House**

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DALLAS, TX – Two-thirds of physicians have a negative impression of the American Health Care Act (AHCA), the Republican-sponsored bill to unwind Obamacare, while only about a quarter support it, a new survey indicates.

According to the survey of 1,112 physicians conducted by Merritt Hawkins, the nation’s leading physician search firm and a company of AMN Healthcare, 66% of physicians have a negative impression of the AHCA, only 26% have a positive impression, and seven percent are neutral.

“Physicians have consistently expressed dissatisfaction with government sponsored healthcare legislation in the past, and the AHCA does not reverse this trend,” said Mark Smith, president of Merritt Hawkins. “So far, the bill rates a strongly negative diagnosis from physicians.”

In a 2016 [survey](#) of 17,236 physicians that Merritt Hawkins conducted on behalf of The Physicians Foundation, 23% of physicians gave the Affordable Care Act (ACA) a positive grade of A or B, 28% gave it an average grade of C, while 48% gave it a negative grade of D or F. The AHCA, now being considered by the Senate, gets an even higher negative rating, according to the new Merritt Hawkins survey. Fifty-eight percent of those surveyed have a strongly negative impression of the bill, 8% have a somewhat negative impression, while relatively few (7%) are neutral.

The survey was sent by email to approximately 80,000 physicians randomly selected from Merritt Hawkins’ database and has an error rate of +/- 2.87% as determined by experts in statistical response at the University of Tennessee.

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