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Reform rallying cry

Unless you've been living under a very large boulder over the last several months, you're aware the health care reform debate has reached a fever pitch. Although all the back-and-forth has yet to produce a final bill, the Employee Benefit Research Institute recently asked 1,000 U.S. adults about their opinions on various reform proposals whirling around Capitol Hill. You may be surprised – and perhaps dismayed – to hear that regular Americans (ahem, your employees) largely support the proposals that employers are most staunchly against. Let the bridge-building begin.

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45%
strongly support
expanding Medicare
& Medicaid.

55%
strongly support
guaranteed issue
coverage.

68%
support an individual
mandate.

75%
support an employer
mandate.

83%
strongly support or
somewhat support a
public plan option.

