

UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH Medical Society

NH Physician Survey

September 11, 2013

UNH Survey Center

Methodology

- UNH Survey Center conducted a web survey of New Hampshire physicians for the New Hampshire Medical Society (NHMS).
- Email invitations were sent to 2,965 NH physicians on June 11, 2013
 - NHMS members and non-members
 - A postcard with a link was sent to physicians without an email address.
- 588 physicians completed the survey, a response rate of 20%.

Demographics

- **Membership**

66% members of NHMS

- **Gender**

72% male

- **Age**

13% under 40

21% 40-49

49% 50-64

17% 65 and Older

- **Practice Type**

52% hospital or health system

21% individual group practice

15% self-employed.

- **Field of Medicine**

19% internal medicine

14% surgery

13% family medicine

- **Practice Size**

14% in solo practice

21% 2 – 4 physicians

23% 5 – 10 physicians

13% 11 – 20 physicians

29% more than 20 physicians

- **Party ID**

53% 35% Democrats
18% Independents – lean Democrat

16% Independent
31% 13% Independent – lean Republican
18% Republican

Summary of Findings

Top issues to concentrate NHMS legislative efforts

- Malpractice issues/tort reform
- Improving access to mental health services
- Development of a no-fault medical liability system

Political Issues

Only two issues seen as important for NHMS to take a position on:

- Physician engagement in end-of-life care
- More regulations on the possession of firearms

Summary

Education and outreach opportunities

- Providing information on Affordable Care Act and its provisions
- Non-member education on medical malpractice screening panel system

Electronic Health Records

- 4 out of 5 physicians use EHRs with majorities *agreeing* that it improves patient care and *disagreeing* that it helps with efficiency.
- Younger physicians are more likely to agree with both statements about EHRs.

Medical Policy Issues Quadrant Analysis

Plots the importance of NHMS *taking a position* on an issue with the *position* of physicians on the same issue.

Low support but **high importance** for NHMS to take a position

- Medicaid managed care

High support and **high importance** for NHMS to take a position

- Malpractice/tort reform
- Mental health services
- A no fault medical liability system
- Health Information Technology
- Medicaid expansion
- Scope of practice issues

Low support and **low importance** for NHMS to take a position

- Restrictive or selective networks
- Drug testing healthcare workers
- Addressing health effects of climate change
- Integrating alternative medicine

High support but **low importance** for NHMS to take a position

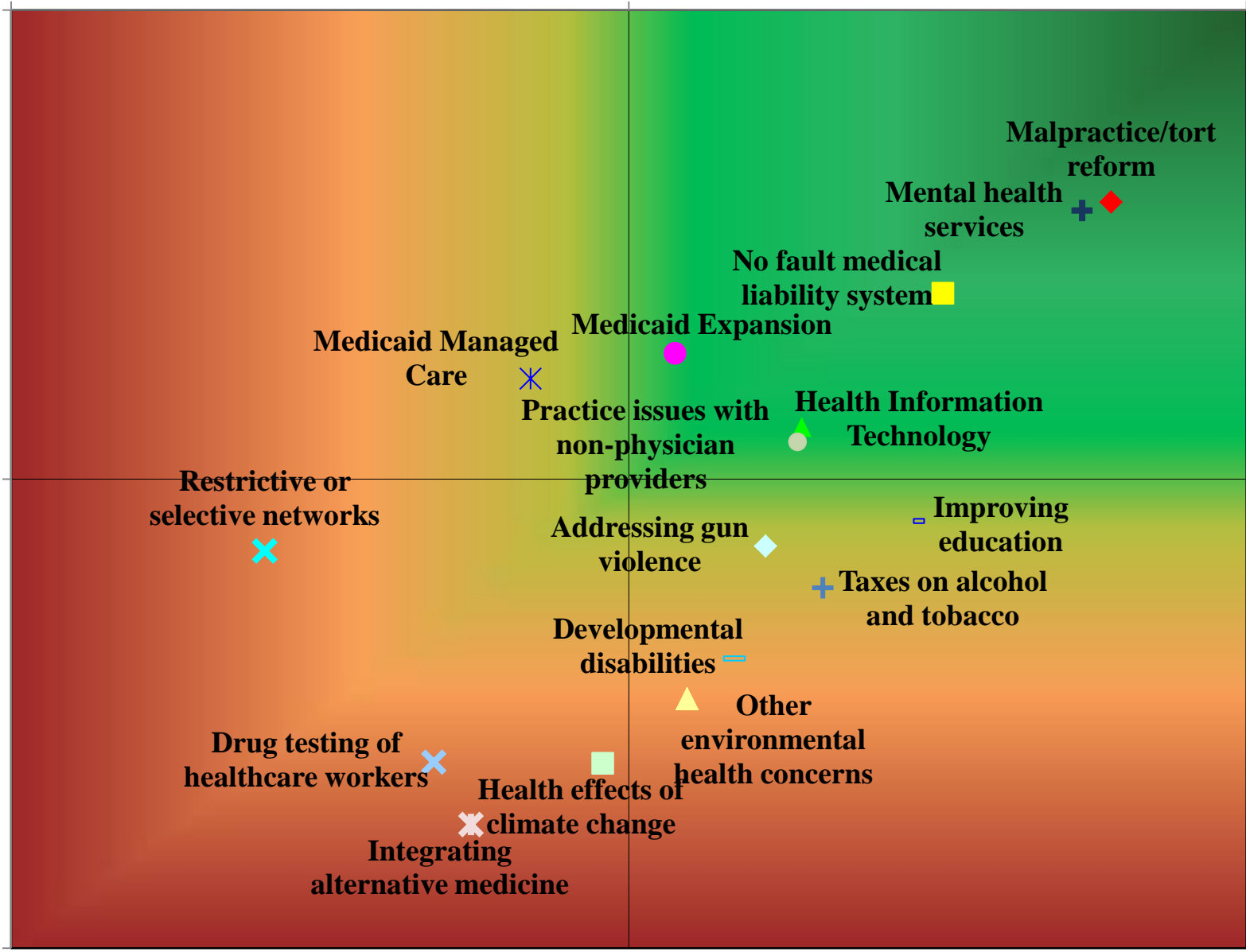
- Gun violence
- Improving education
- Developing disabilities in education
- Taxes on alcohol and tobacco
- Other environmental health concerns

Support →
3.5

5

Importance NHMS Position ↑

2
4
3
2



Support →
3.5

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Importance NHMS Position ↑

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Developmental disabilities =

Non-members are *more likely* to feel it is *very important* that NHMS focuses on addressing developmental disabilities (and other disabilities) in education.

Support →
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Importance NHMS Position ↑

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NHMS members
are *more likely* to
strongly support

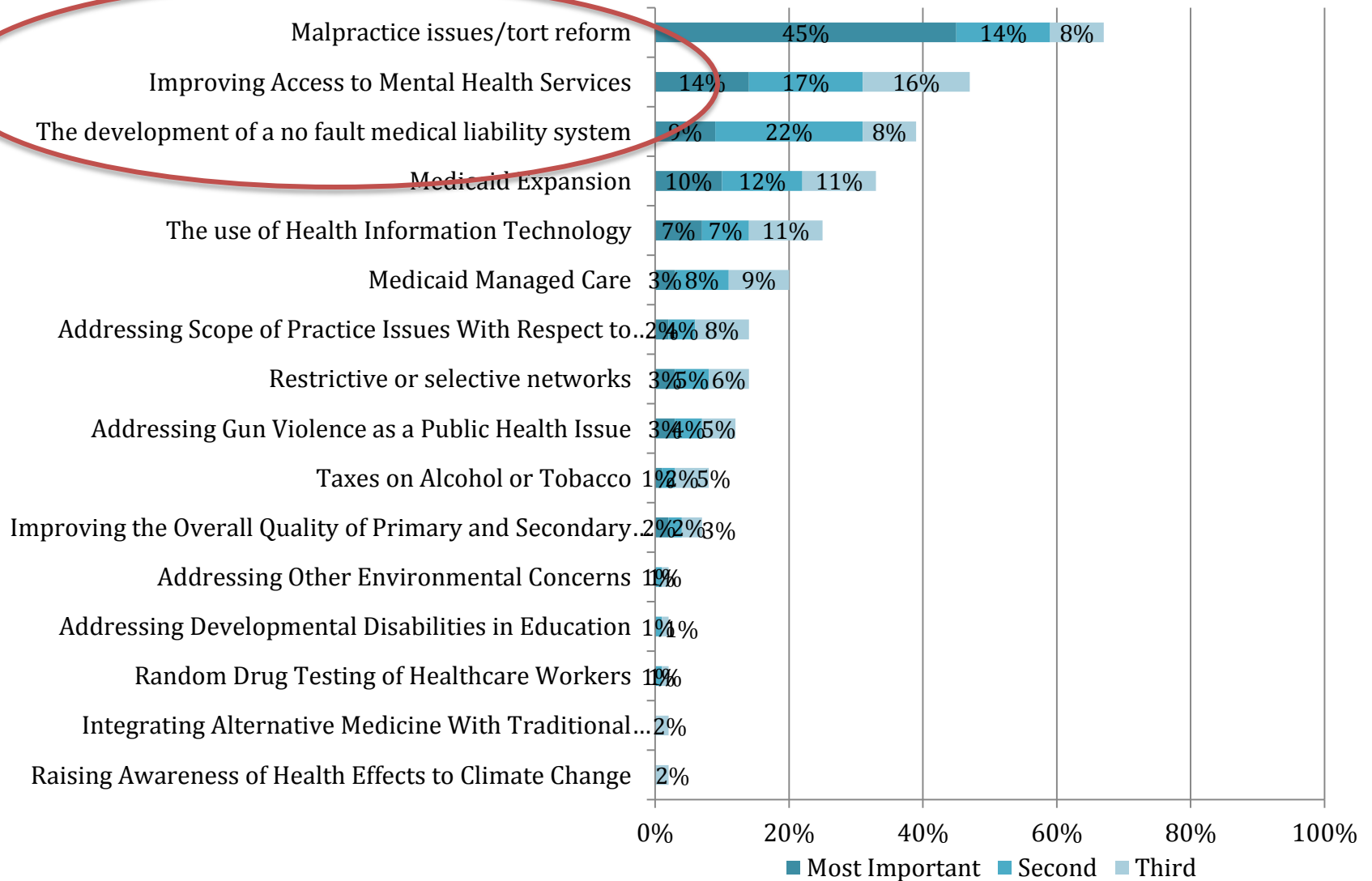
Medicaid Expansion

Malpractice/tort
reform

Taxes on alcohol
and tobacco

2

Top Three Issues



Political Issues Quadrant Analysis

Plots the importance of NHMS taking a position on a particular issue against the position of physicians on the same issue.

Low support but **high importance** for NHMS to take a position

- State-based single-payor system in NH

High support and **high importance** for NHMS to take a position

- Physician engagement in end of life care
- More regulations on the possession of firearms including universal background checks

Low support and **low importance** for NHMS to take a position

- Therapeutic cannabis
- Physician assisted suicide
- Recreational marijuana
- Death penalty
- Legalized gambling

High support but **low importance** for NHMS to take a position

- Empty

Physician Support
3.5

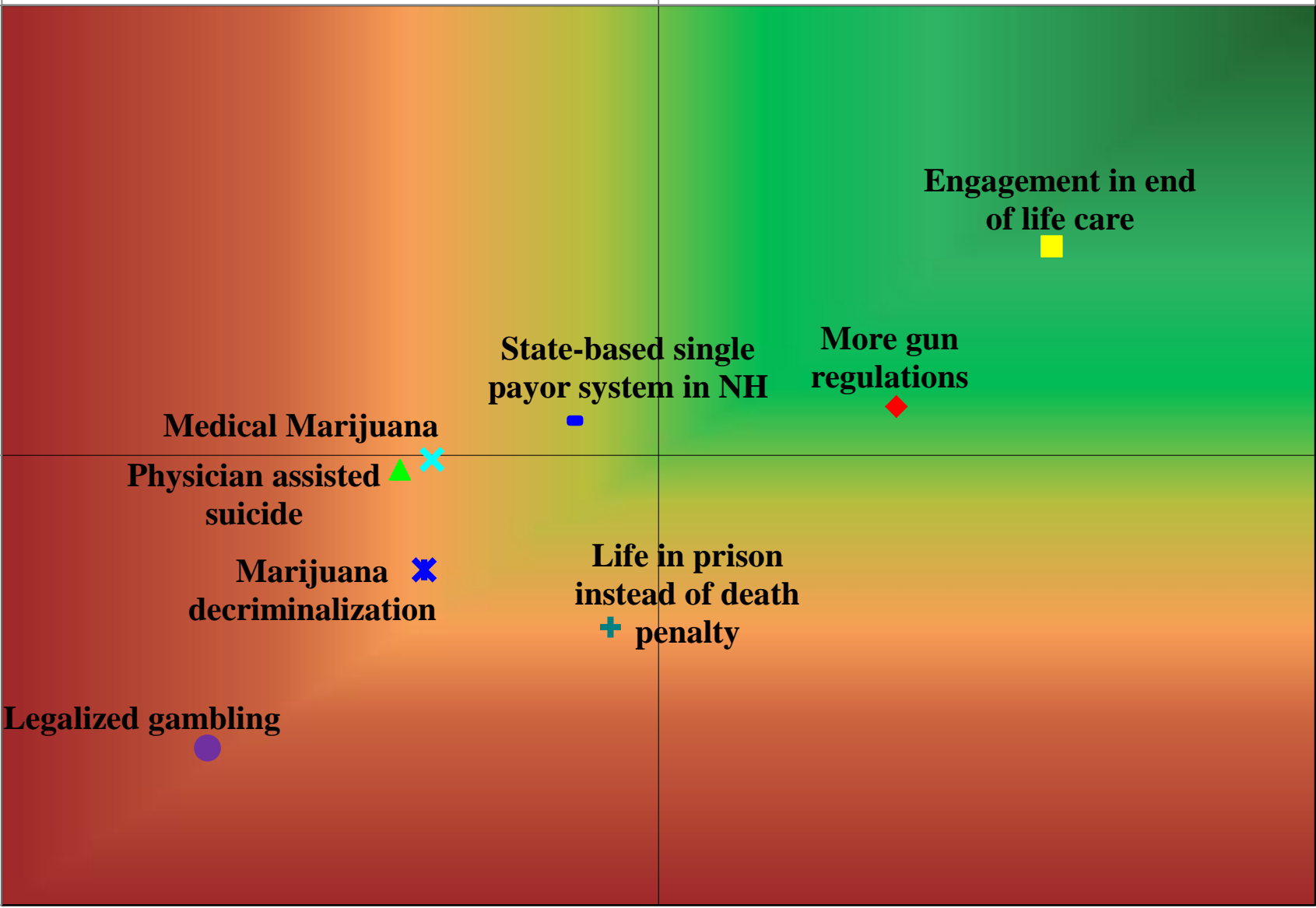


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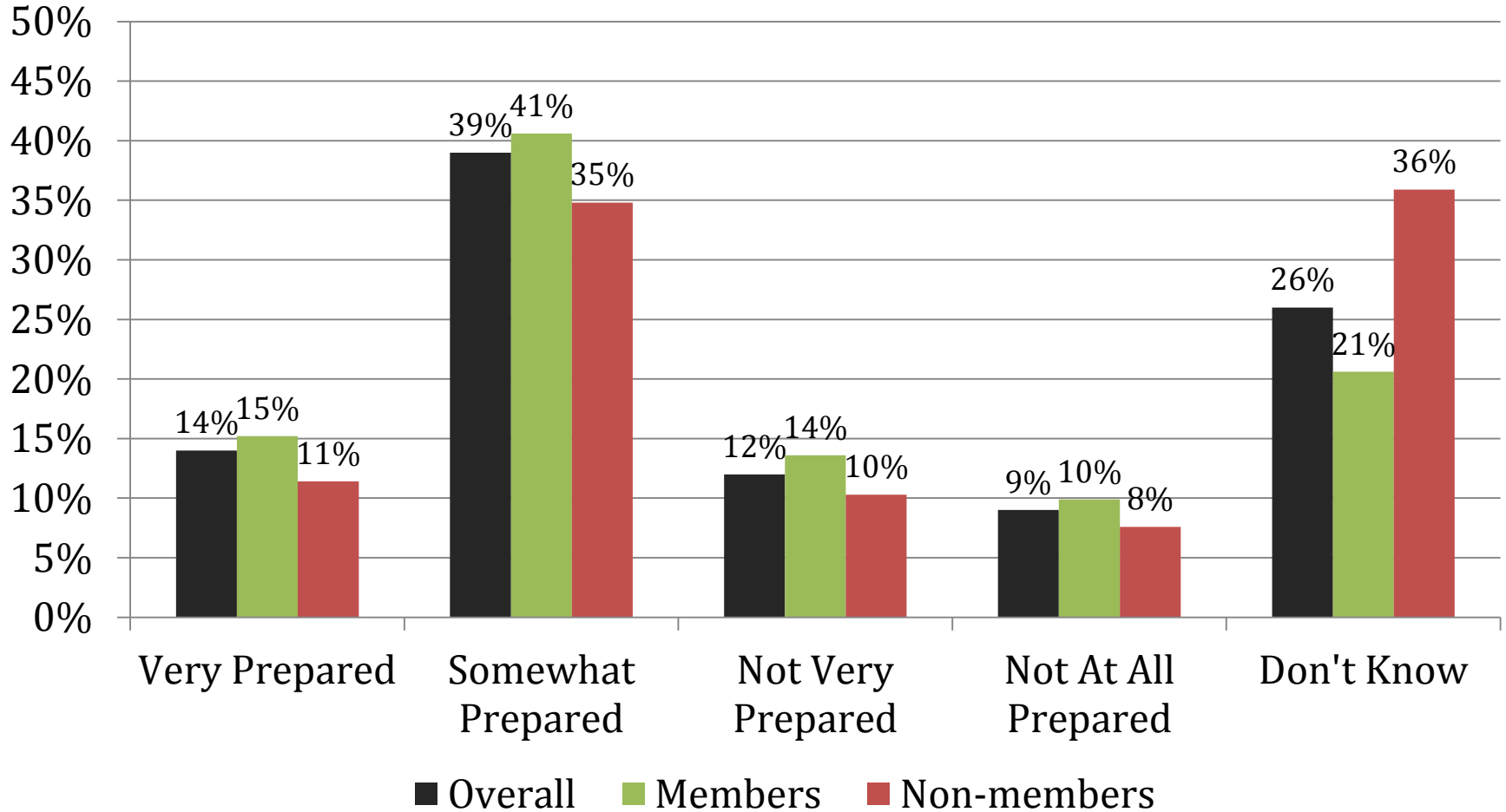
Importance NHMS Taking a Position

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2.75
1.5



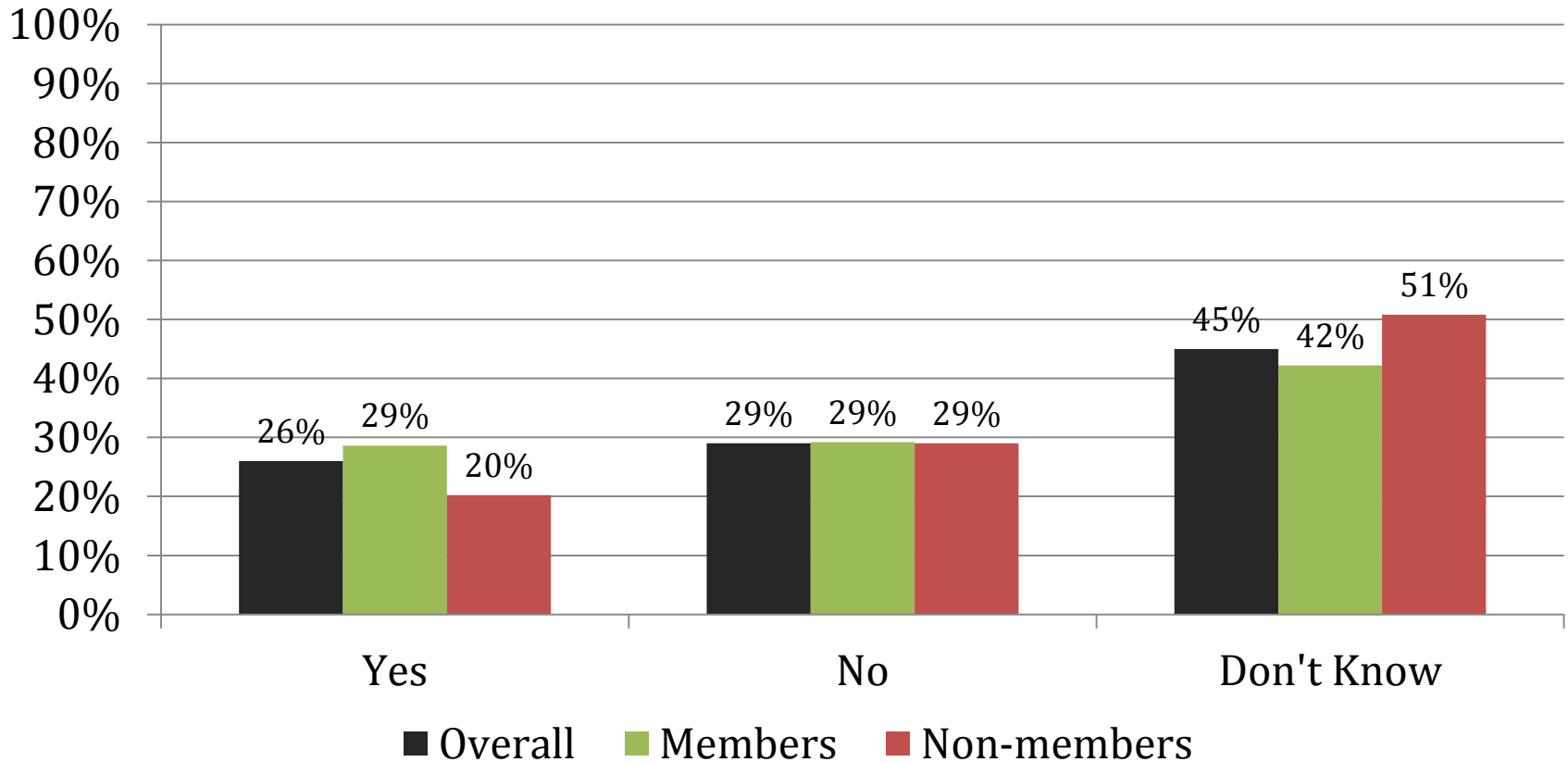
Affordable Care Act

How prepared are you to implement the Affordable Care Act in 2014?



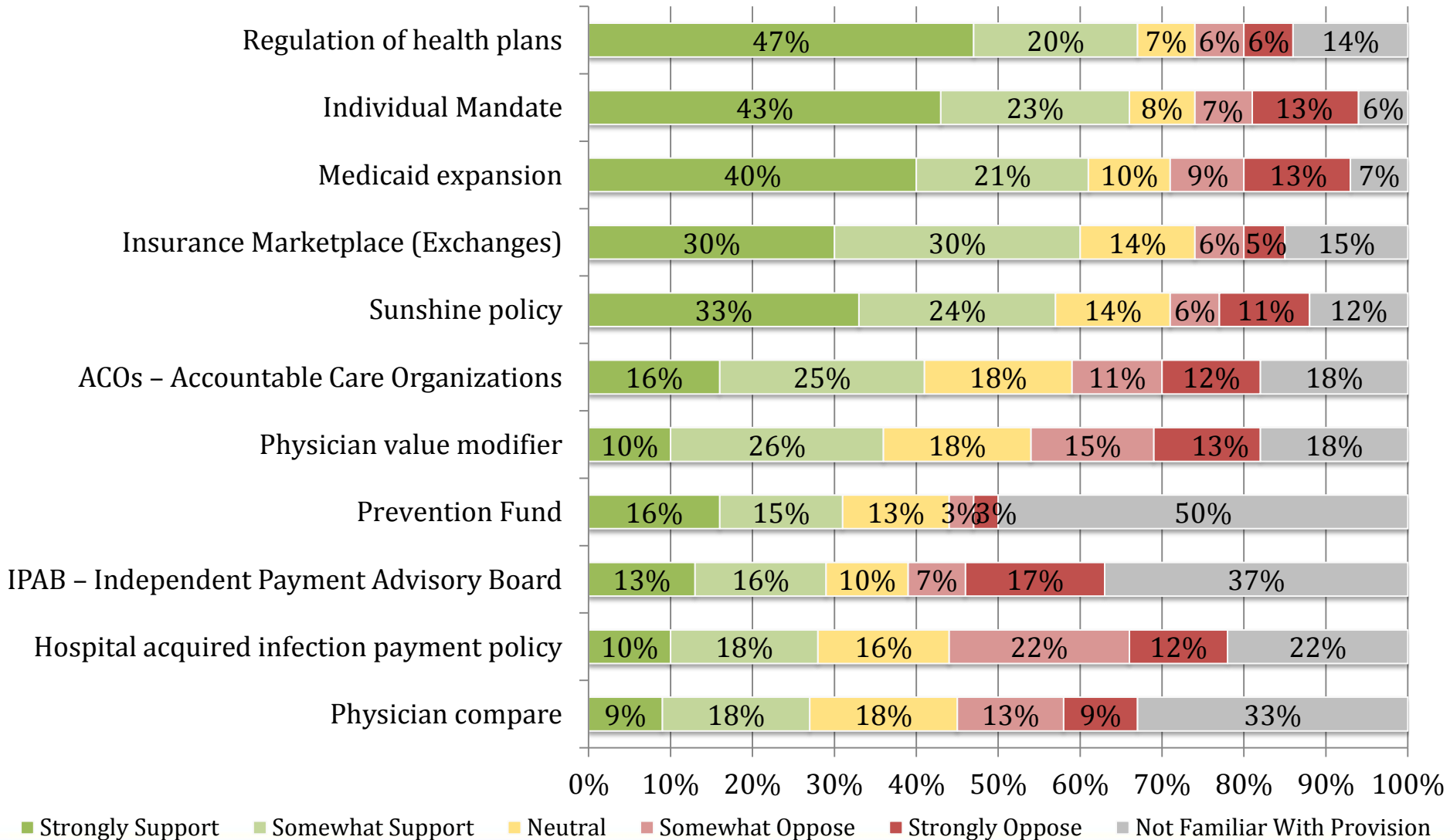
Affordable Care Act

Do you have access to all of the information you need to navigate the changing healthcare regulation associated with the Affordable Care Act?



Affordable Care Act Provisions

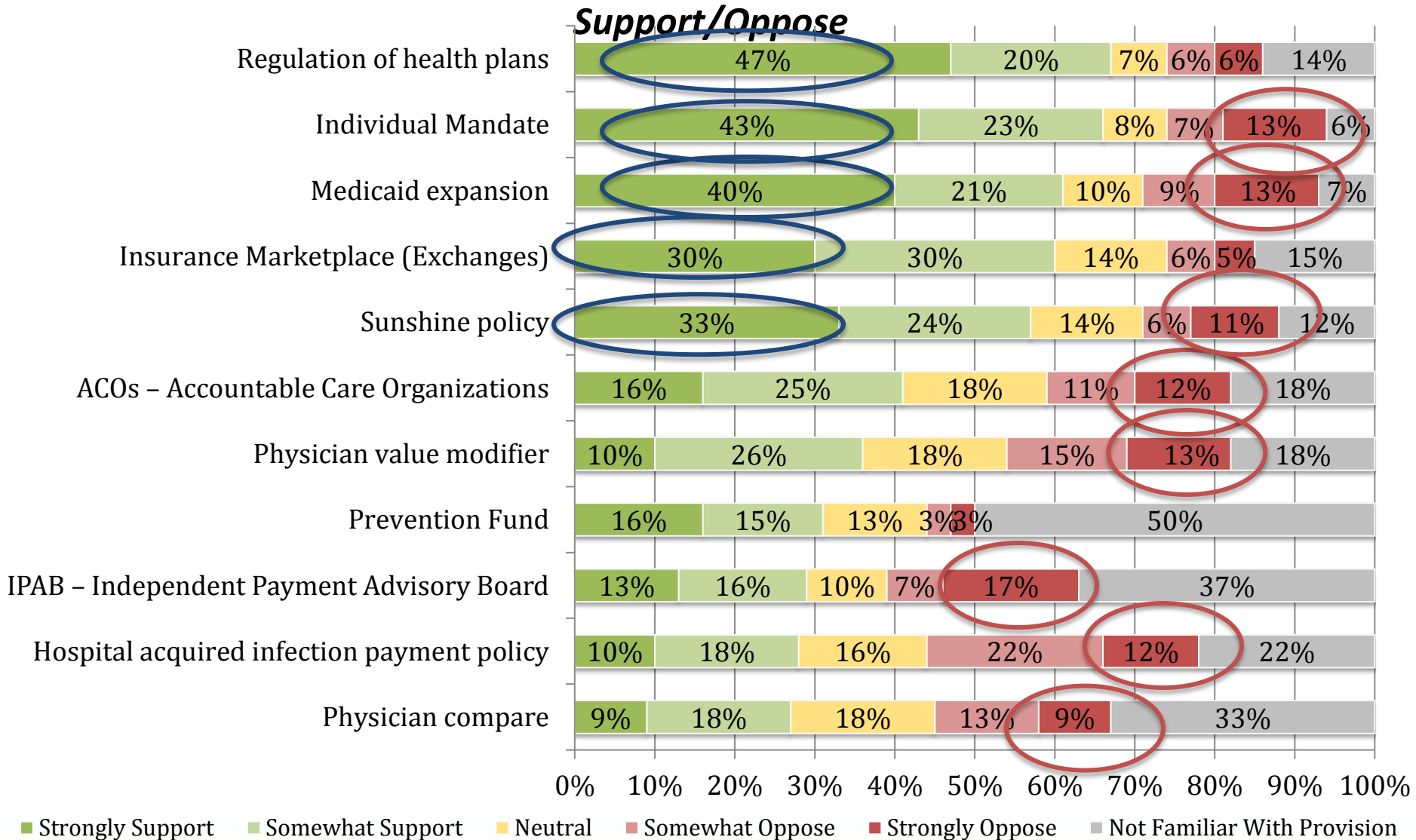
Support/Oppose



■ Strongly Support
 ■ Somewhat Support
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Somewhat Oppose
 ■ Strongly Oppose
 ■ Not Familiar With Provision

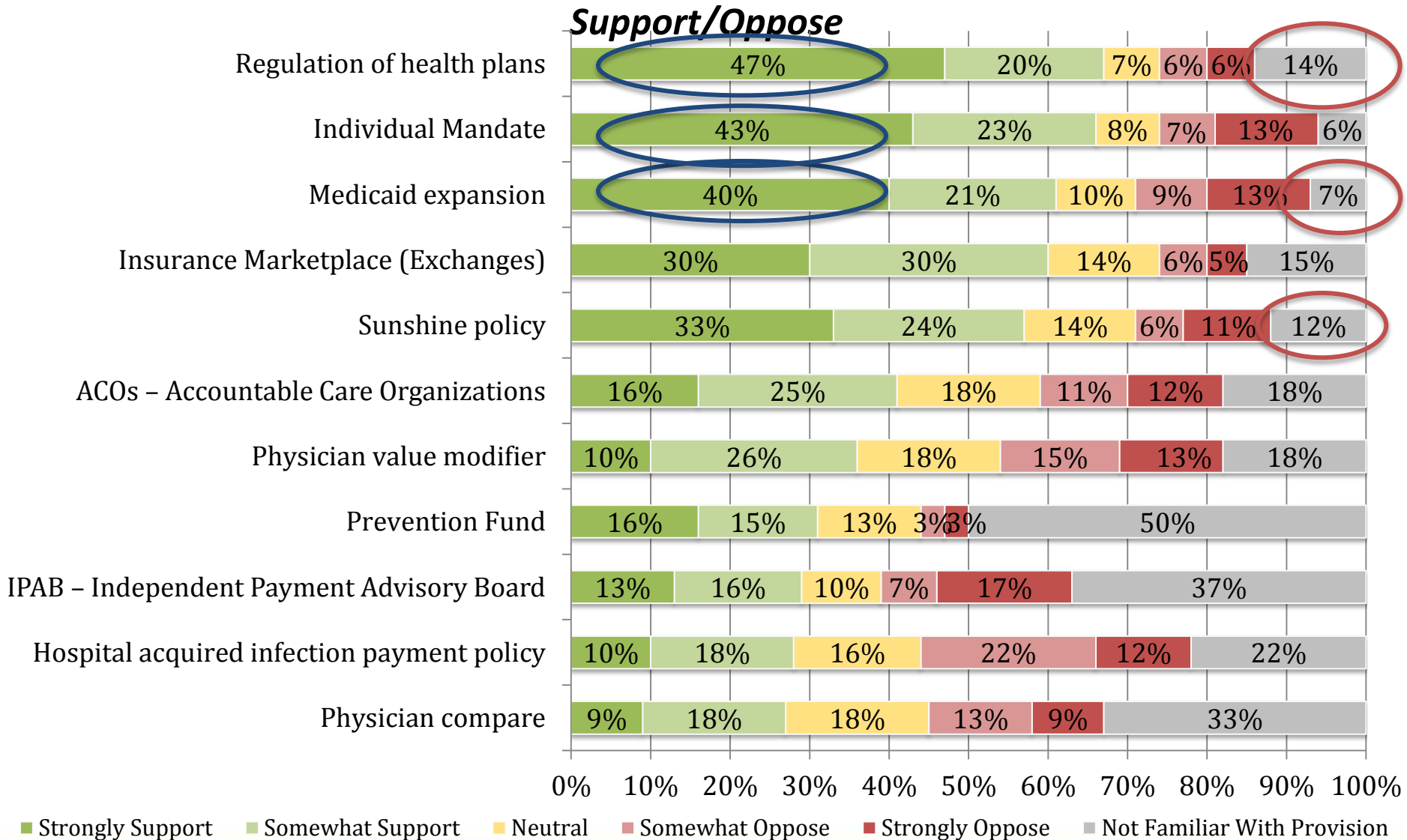
ACA Provisions – Partisan Differences

Blue=Democrats, Red=Republicans



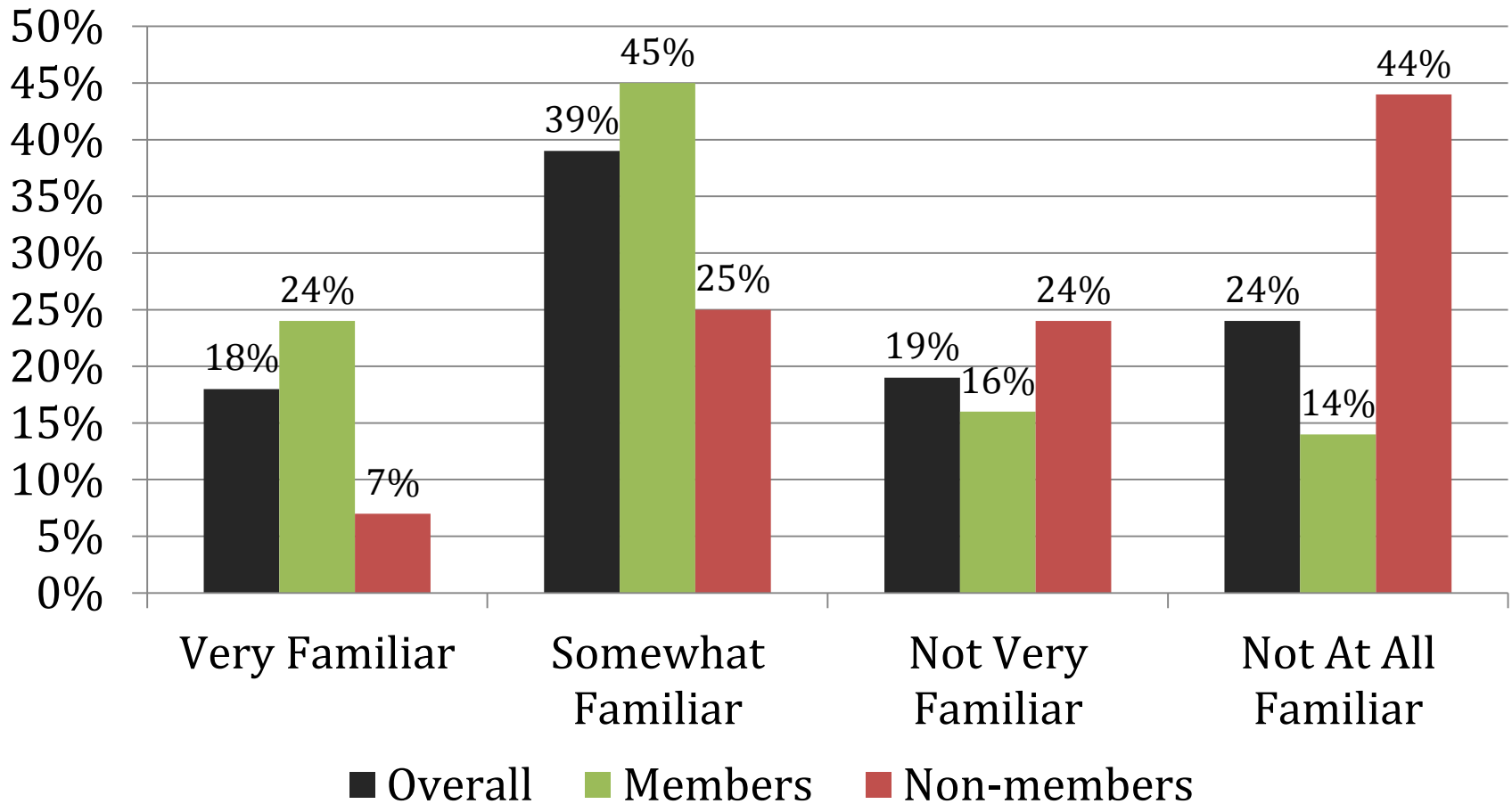
ACA Provisions – Membership Differences

Blue=Members, Red=Non-members



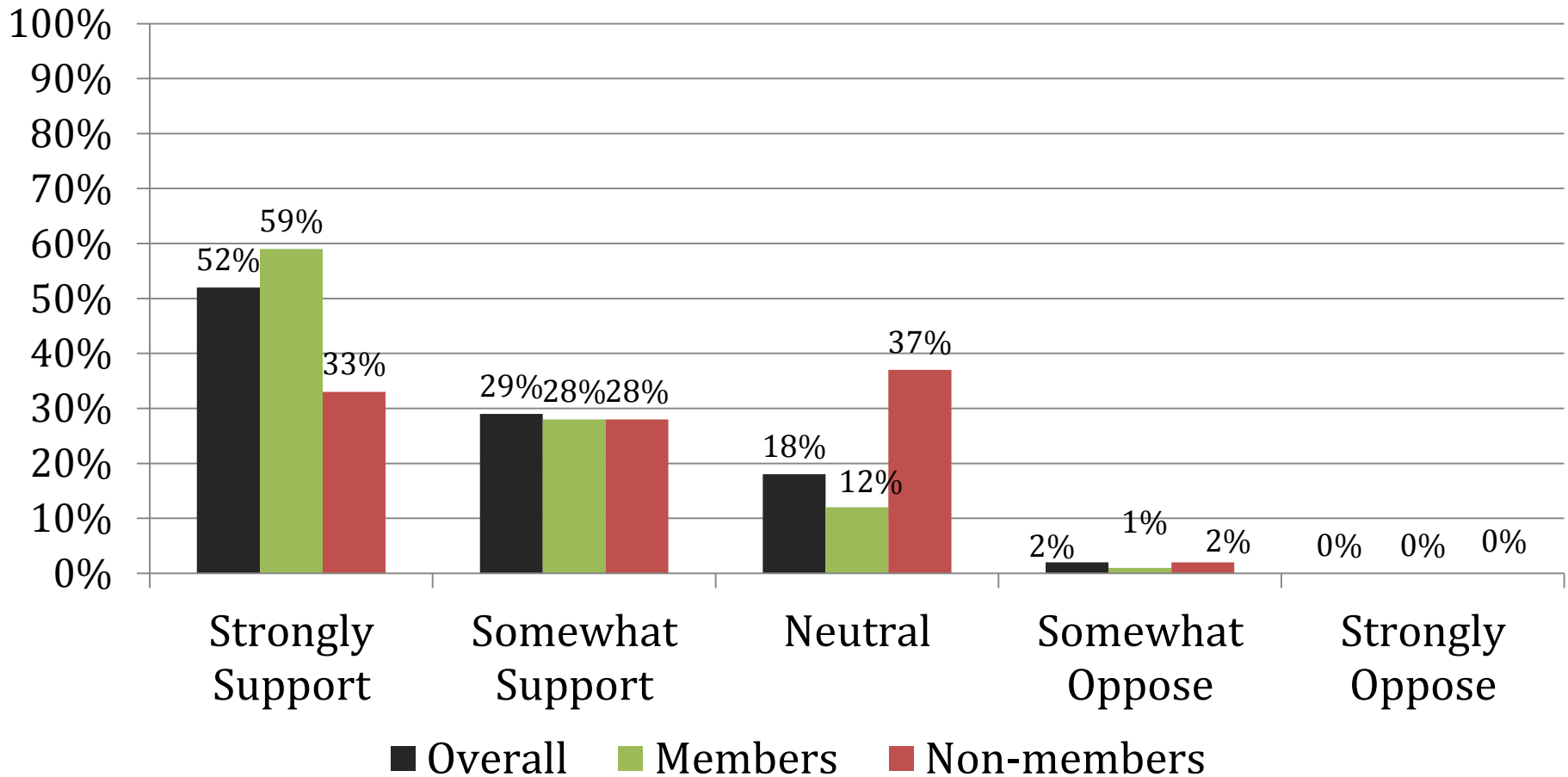
Medical Malpractice Screening

How familiar are you with New Hampshire's medical malpractice screening panel system?



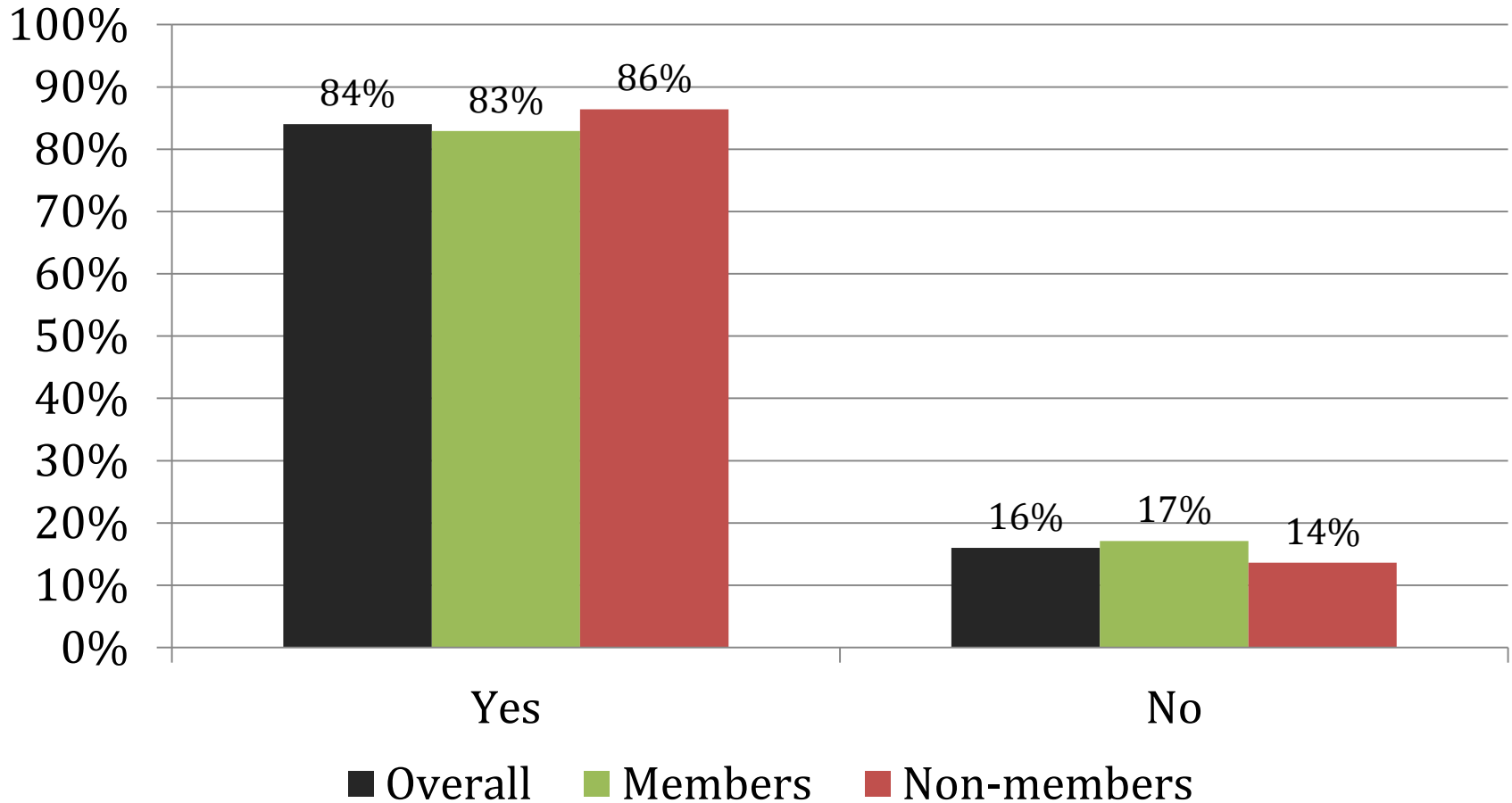
Medical Malpractice Screening

Do you support or oppose the current medical malpractice screening panel system?



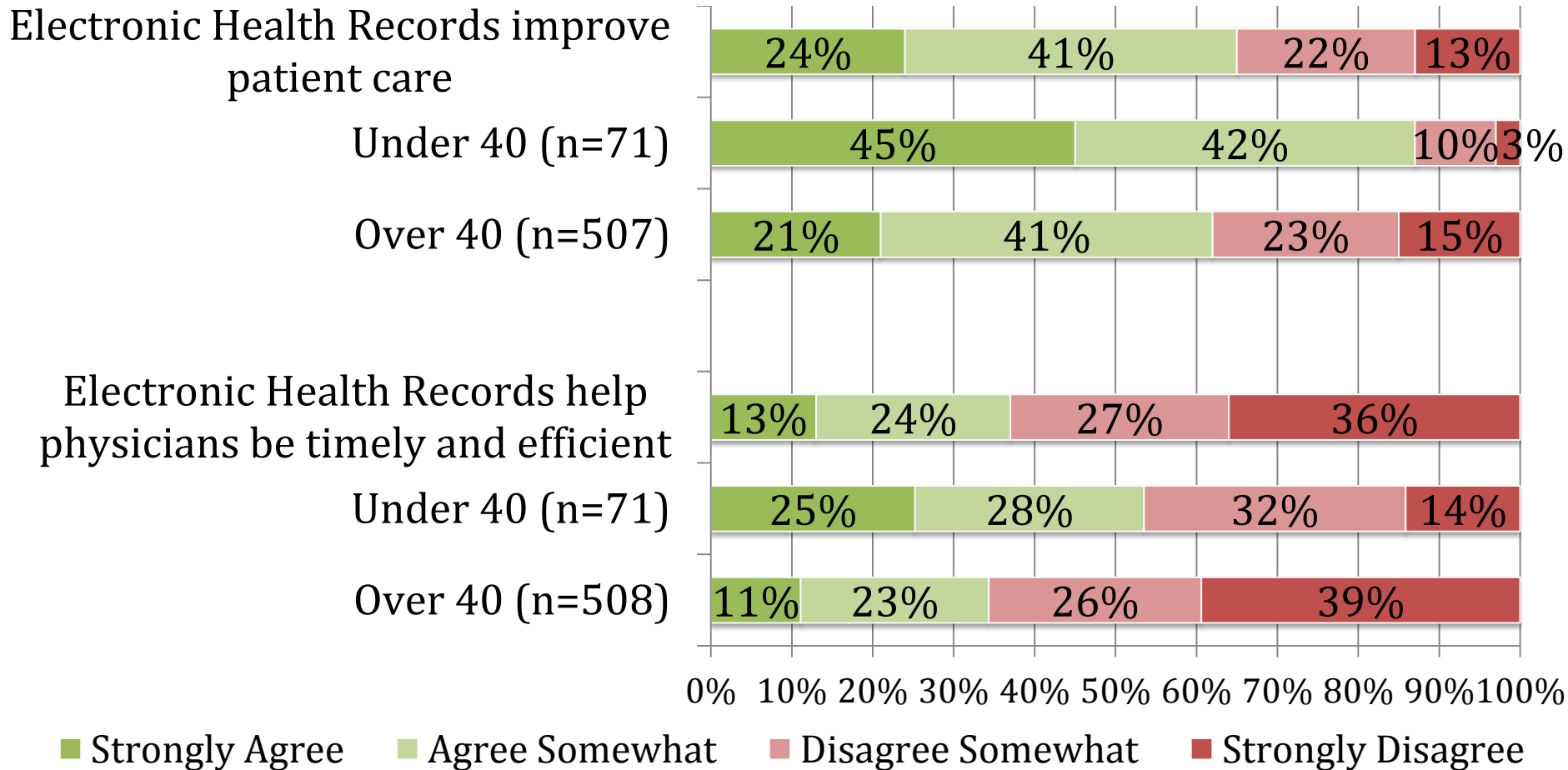
Electronic Health Records

Does your practice have an Electronic Health Record system?

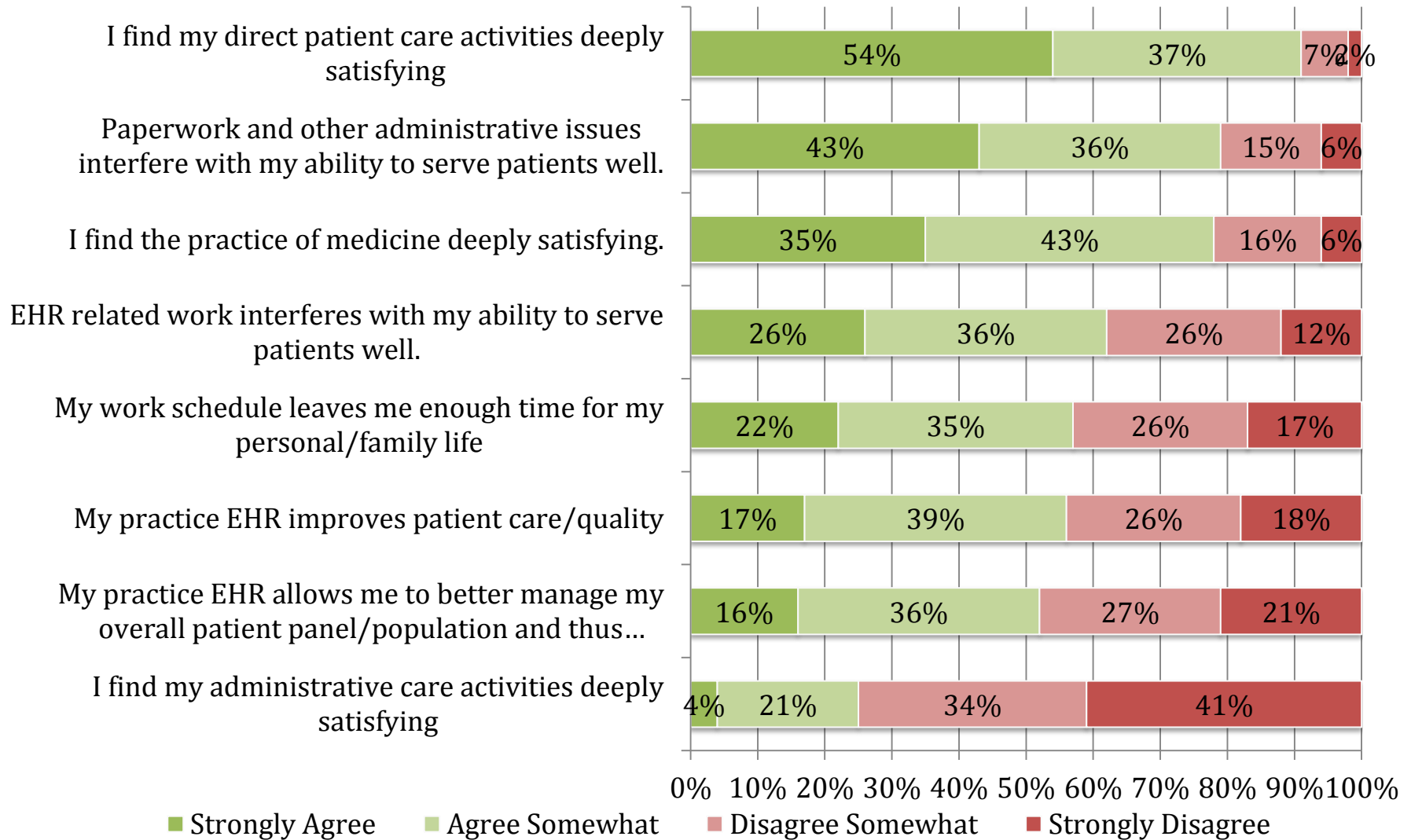


Electronic Health Records

Do you agree or disagree with statements about EHR?

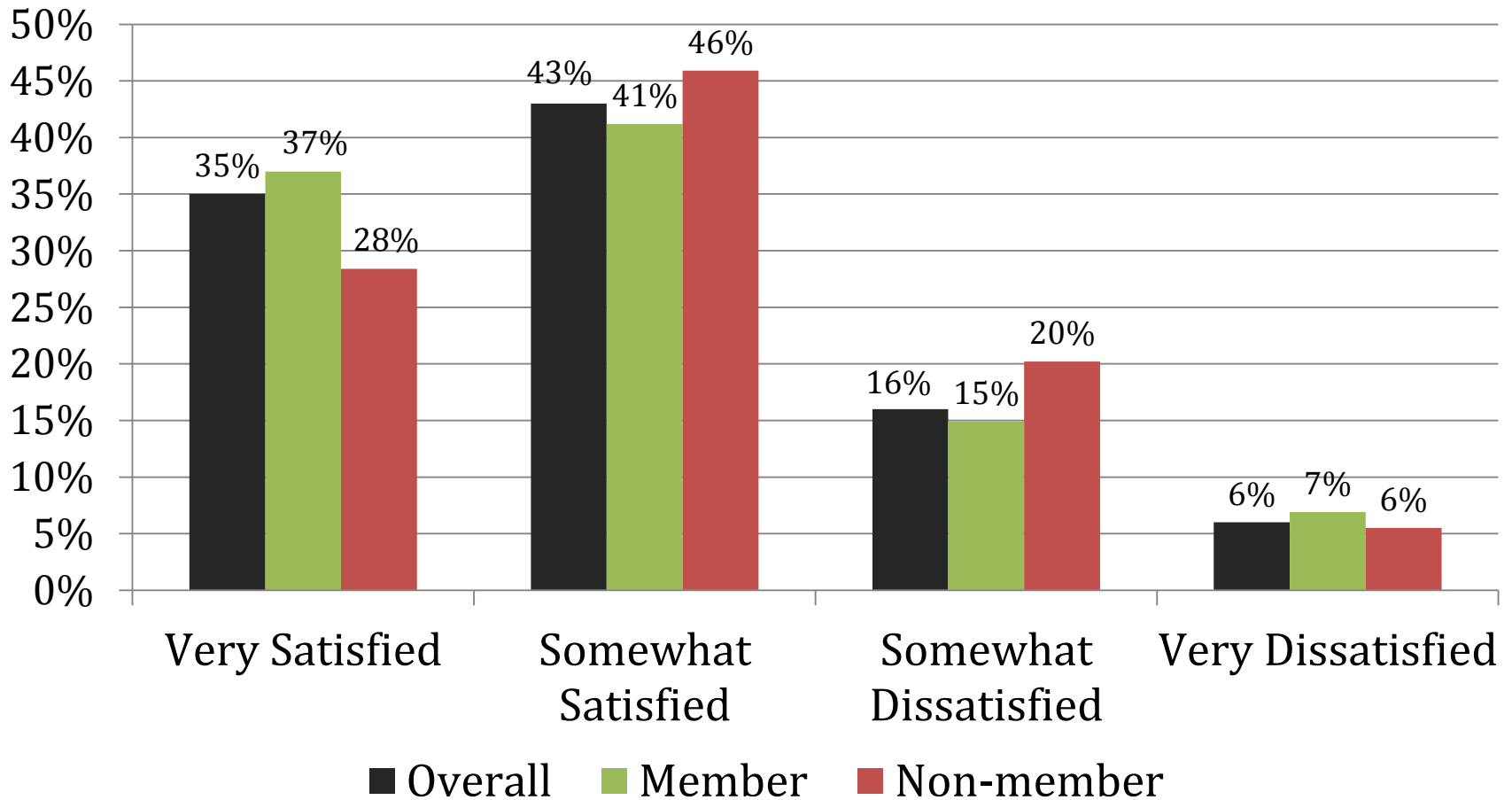


Medical Practice



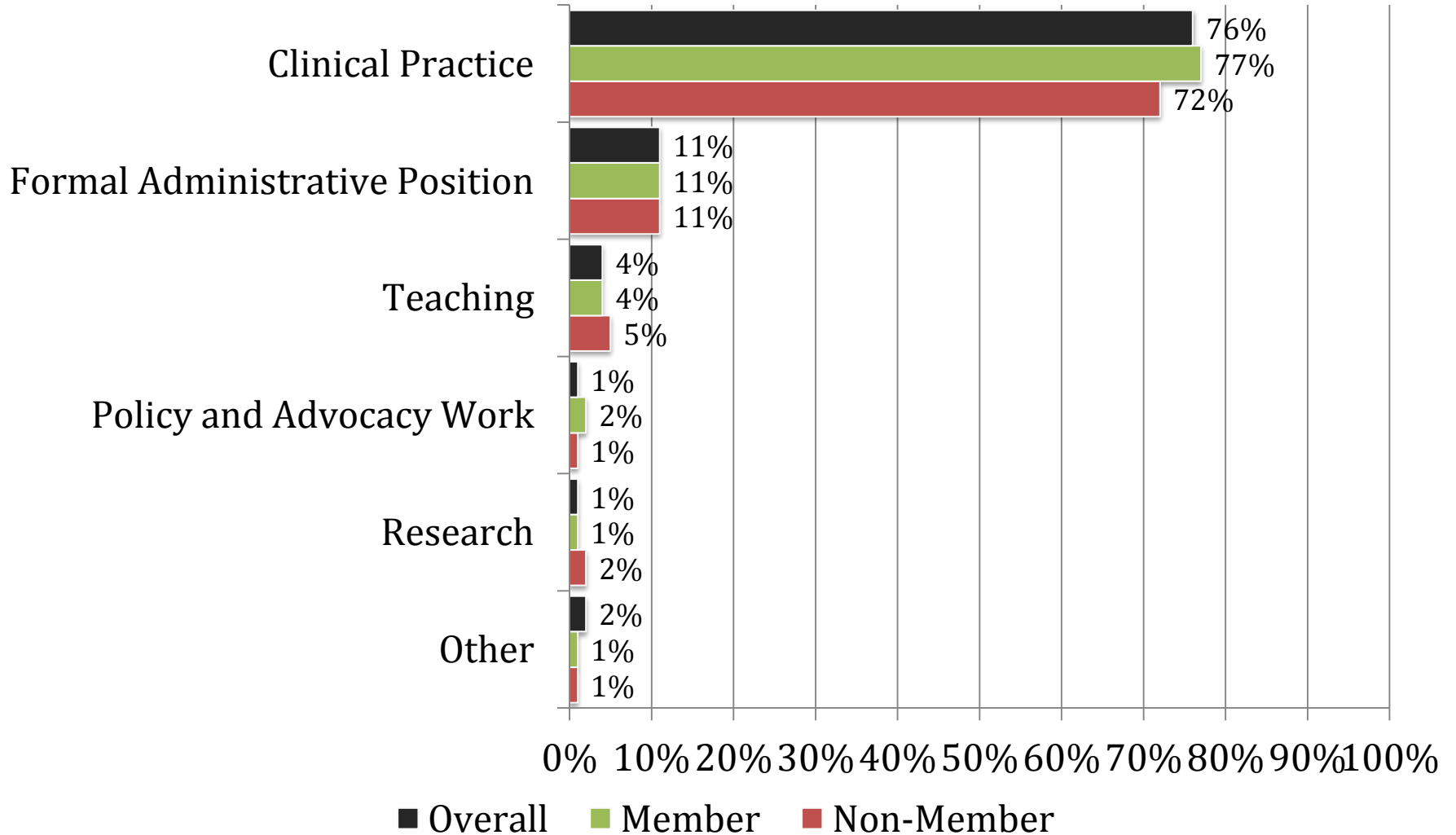
Medical Practice

How Satisfied Are You With Your Practice?



Medical Practice

What percentage of your work time is spent in (average percentages)



QUESTIONS?