## 2 in 3

Two-thirds of Americans oppose a health insurance company policy NOT to pay for ER visits.

**Health Insurers Disagree With Your Decision to Visit The ER and They Are Refusing to Pay!** 

**Anthem Blue Cross Blue** Shield Plans in 3 States Are Doing It. Other Insurers Could Follow!

More than 4 in 10 reported that they delayed or avoided seeking emergency care in the past 2 years, fearing the cost of co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles.



Nearly half of them had their medical conditions worsen as a result.

Policies like this violate federal and state laws that say insurance companies must pay based on patients' symptoms and not the final diagnosis, regardless of how minor it may be.





Patients should <u>NOT be forced to diagnose themselves</u>. Many of the same symptoms can be either minor or life-threatening.

If you think you have symptoms of a medical emergency, seek emergency care immediately!

This poll was conducted by Morning Consult on behalf of the American College of Emergency Physicians from September 05-08, 2017 among a national sample of 2,201 adults. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of adults based on age, race/ethnicity, gender, educational attainment, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/- two percentage points.



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