## USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL ELECTION 2012 SWING STATES POLLING-- WAVE 9

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011

6. Turning now to Medicare, are you optimistic or pessimistic that, 20 years from now, the Medicare program will still provide all Americans over age 65 with adequate healthcare coverage?

|  | <b>Optimistic</b> | <u>Pessimistic</u> | No opinion |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| SWING STATES                             |                   |                    |            |
| Registered voters<br>2012 Sep 11-17      | 44                | 53                 | 3          |
| All Swing State adults<br>2012 Sep 11-17 | 43                | 53                 | 4          |
| <u>NATIONAL</u>                          |                   |                    |            |
| Registered voters<br>2012 Sep 16-17      | 43                | 55                 | 3          |
| National adults<br>2012 Sep 16-17        | 43                | 53                 | 4          |

| 7. | From what you know or have read, do you think each of the fo to address issues facing the Medicare system? How about [R | llowing has or has not put forth a specific plan RANDOM ORDER]? |
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9. All in all, which presidential candidate do you trust more to address issues facing the Medicare system [ROTATED: Barack Obama (or) Mitt Romney]?

|  | <u>Obama</u> | Romney | No opinion |
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| SWING STATES                             |              |        |            |
| Registered voters<br>2012 Sep 11-17      | 50           | 44     | 6          |
| All Swing State adults<br>2012 Sep 11-17 | 53           | 40     | 7          |
| <u>NATIONAL</u>                          |              |        |            |
| Registered voters<br>2012 Sep 16-17      | 51           | 43     | 6          |
| National adults<br>2012 Sep 16-17        | 52           | 39     | 10         |