## Issues of Importance to Chicago’s African American/Black Adults Age 45+

### Health Care
- Staying mentally sharp: 96%
- Staying physically healthy: 95%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 95%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 91%
- Paying for health care expenses: 86%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 82%

### Economic/Financial
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 97%
- Adequate Social Security benefits: 94%
- Having affordable utilities: 92%
- Protecting yourself against consumer fraud: 91%
- Protection against unfair financial practices: 91%
- Protection from age discrimination: 86%

### Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 91%
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 91%
- Having enough services so people can be cared for in their home: 90%
- Caring for a loved one: 88%
- Having high quality long-term care: 86%
- Flexibility in your schedule for caregiving: 82%

“For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.”

% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 401 African American/Black residents of Chicago by landline (31%), cell phone (37%), and online (31%) between May 17, 2021 and June 7, 2021.

**Age**

- 45 to 49: 16%
- 50 to 64: 47%
- 65+: 37%

**Education**

- Some college or less: 59%
- 4-year college degree: 21%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 20%

**Employment**

- Full-time: 36%
- Part-time: 11%
- Retired: 36%

**Marital Status**

- Married/ living with partner: 35%
- Divorced/ separated: 21%
- Widowed: 14%
- Never married: 30%

**Gender**

- Female: 58%
- Male: 42%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- Black/ African American: 100%

**Political Views**

- Conservative: 17%
- Moderate: 42%
- Liberal: 27%

**Annual Household Income**

- Less than $50,000: 55%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 26%
- $100,000+: 12%

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