# Issues of Importance to Maryland Adults Age 45+

## Health Care
- Staying mentally sharp: 94%
- Staying physically healthy: 93%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 92%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 89%
- Paying for health care expenses: 84%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 79%

## Economic/Financial
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 95%
- Adequate Social Security benefits: 89%
- Protection against unfair financial practices: 84%
- Protection against consumer fraud: 83%
- Being able to stop working for pay at the age you want: 79%
- Having online security: 78%

## Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Getting the places you need to go independently: 86%
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 84%
- Caring for a loved one: 83%
- Having high quality long-term care: 80%

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

% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 704 residents of Maryland by landline (50%), cell phone (25%), and online (25%) between October 29, 2021 and November 10, 2021.

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