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Adults in Hawaii support pharmacists conducting tests and providing treatment for common illnesses such as COVID-19, the flu, strep throat, and UTIs. Adults in Hawaii also support making permanent recent expansions of pharmacist care to ensure continued access to vaccinations, testing, and treatment for common conditions.

#### TREATING + PREVENTING COMMON CONDITIONS

A majority of adults in Hawaii support pharmacists providing care to patients experiencing common conditions.

| Pharmacist Actions  | % Support (Strongly + Somewhat) |
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| Helping patients prevent chronic disease such as heart disease and diabetes                               | 69%                             |
| Helping patients to understand their nutritional choices  | 74%                             |
| Testing for and treating common illnesses (i.e. flu, COVID-19, etc.)                                      | 75%                             |
| Testing for and treating common minor conditions such as strep throat and urinary tract infections (UTIs) | 65%                             |
| Screening for diabetes  | 71%                             |
| Initiating treatment for diabetes (if screening is positive)  | 62%                             |
| Screening for high cholesterol  | 70%                             |
| Testing for sexually transmitted infections   | 60%                             |

## CONTINUED ACCESS TO CARE

A majority of adults, including **82%** of adults in Hawaii believe it's important for their state to update its policies to ensure that patients **permanently have the same access to pharmacy vaccination, testing, and treatment services** that were available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**85%** of adults in Hawaii say pharmacists are **easy to access**, the highest percentage of the tested options.

#### FAIR COMPENSATION

Adults in Hawaii also wish to see pharmacists reimbursed by insurers for providing care: **70%** support private and government insurers **adequately paying pharmacists** for testing and initiating treatment in states where pharmacists are authorized to do so.

### SIMPLE TESTING AND TREATMENT

When simple tests exist to help identify common conditions, adults in Hawaii support pharmacists providing care for the following if a patient tests positive:

**COVID-19:** 74% Flu: 76% **Strep Throat:** 76% **UTI:** 71%

# **HIV PREVENTION**

Adults in Hawaii believe pharmacists have a role in helping people prevent HIV.

**72%** support pharmacists administering **simple HIV tests** at pharmacies.

**61%** support pharmacists **prescribing preventative medication** (called PrEP) to those who are seeking to prevent HIV but who have not yet been exposed to it.

**67%** support pharmacists **prescribing preventative medication** (called PEP) to those who have possibly been exposed to HIV.

Methodology: This nationwide poll was conducted online from October 25-30, 2023 among a sample of 10,031 adults. State-level results are estimated by a multi-level regression and post-stratification (MRP) model weighted by age, race/ethnicity, gender, and educational attainment within each state. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 1 percentage points.