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Survey finds concern about addiction

Almost half of Americans are concerned about the cost of addiction treatment, and nearly three-quarters support including it in national health care reform, according to a survey sponsored by Closing the Addiction Treatment Gap. The program found that 49% of Americans think they would not be able to afford treatment for alcohol and drug addiction; 68% support increasing government funding for addiction treatment and prevention services. Program director Victor Capoccia says the poll shows that Americans are beginning to understand the science behind addiction instead of just focusing on its "messy social affects."

— *Jillian Berman*