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Latinos Face Serious Health Care Disparities Nationwide

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A new survey shows that Latinos in the United States face a number of serious medical care issues, with high risk for diabetes ranking as the community's biggest health concern, NPR reports. The survey by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health polled more than 1,500 U.S. Latinos. According to the survey, many Latinos are concerned about not having enough money or adequate health insurance to pay for treating a major illness. For example, nearly one-third of Latinos said they or a family member faced a serious health problem in the past year without having insurance. In addition, about a quarter said they had serious issues finding enough money to pay for doctor and hospital visits, as well as prescription medicines. One in seven Latinos said they avoided getting medical care even though they needed it, and among the Latinos who did receive care, one in five rated their health care services as fair or poor.

The article also goes over demographic differences in religious beliefs, personal finances and education among U.S. Latinos. To read it, click here.

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