

Task Force on Veterans' Health

Identifying actionable policy solutions for North Carolina Veterans

Through November 2026, the NCIOM's Task Force on Veterans' Health will work to compile recommendations to improve community-based health care for North Carolina Veterans, including:

- Improving access to care
- Streamlining care coordination
- Developing a North Carolina workforce to meet Veterans' health care needs

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