NCIOM Task Force on Veterans Health

Health Care Providers



North Carolina is home to over 615,000 Veterans, representing roughly 7% of the state's population.

Veterans face unique health risks shaped by their service experiences.

Not all Veterans are eligible for care through the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). In 2026, 49% of the US Veteran population was enrolled in the VHA system.

37% of NC Veterans have a service-connected disability.

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Task force members

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Actionable strategies

Non-VA providers can prepare to care for Veterans in their communities

Only 8% of non-VA-affiliated civilian providers demonstrate military cultural competence.

Less than half of civilian providers **routinely screen patients** to find out if they are Veterans.

Fewer than **one-third of community providers** feel equipped to make a referral to VA care.

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Improve the capacity of smaller health care practices to serve Veterans

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Educate community-based health care providers about the unique mental and physical health needs of Veterans and the social factors that can affect their health

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Ask patients about their military connections

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Establish Veteran care improvement mechanisms within hospitals and health systems

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