



# Support Georgia Veterans and Their Families by Closing the Coverage Gap

**More than half** of uninsured veterans live in states that have not closed their coverage gaps, including Georgia. Georgia has the **7th-highest** veteran population in the country with more than **600,000** veterans.

By closing the coverage gap, **32,000** uninsured veterans and military spouses in the state could gain health insurance, nearly half of Georgia's uninsured veterans.

Not all veterans qualify to receive health insurance through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). According to the Veterans Administration in 2017, **only 45%** of veterans in Georgia were enrolled in the VA health care system and **only 30%** of veterans in Georgia were reported as patients treated in the VA healthcare system.

Military service **increases the risk** of serious health conditions, and low-income veterans are more likely to have post-traumatic stress, substance abuse, and mental health disorders.

**Please Close the Health Insurance Coverage Gap.**

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