READY TO SERVE AGING VETERANS?

Improving community care for aging veterans in Michigan

UNDERSTANDING PROVIDER READINESS

6.7 percent of Michigan providers meet all readiness criteria

Essential criteria for healthcare providers

to serve older veterans

Currently accepting new patients

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Prepared to deal with conditions common among patients

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Screens for other conditions more common among veterans

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Accommodates patients with disabilities

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Familiarity with military culture

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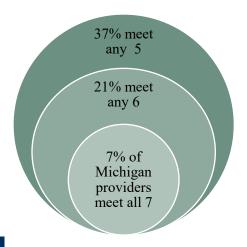
Screens for current service or veteran status

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Training and capacity to treat common conditions associated with an aging and older population

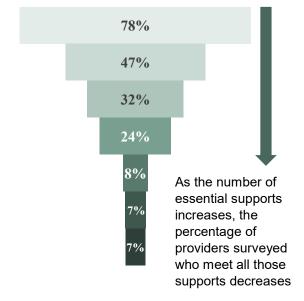
37 percent meet five individual criteria

for serving older veterans



Surveyed providers meeting *cumulative criteria*

for serving older veterans (n=6,360)



One-third screen for service or veteran status

to improve care for older veterans

About 1 in 3 providers screen patients for current service or veteran status



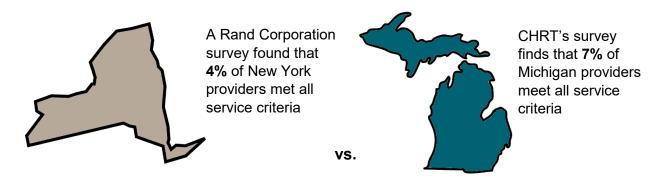
About 1 in 4 providers are familiar with military culture



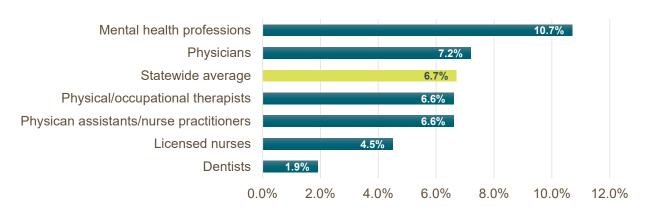


More than 90 percent of Michigan providers do not meet all service criteria for older veterans

Provider readiness varies only slightly across states



Mental health providers and physicians are more likely to meet all seven criteria.



Strategies to increase provider readiness include:

1.
Screen patients
for military and
veteran
affiliations

2.
Screen veterans
for common
veteran
conditions

3.
Improve
understanding
of military
culture

4.
Improve
understanding
of VA health
services

Learn more about ways to prepare Michigan's community-based providers to serve aging veterans? Read our full report: chrt.org/publications/ready-to-serve