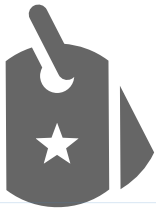


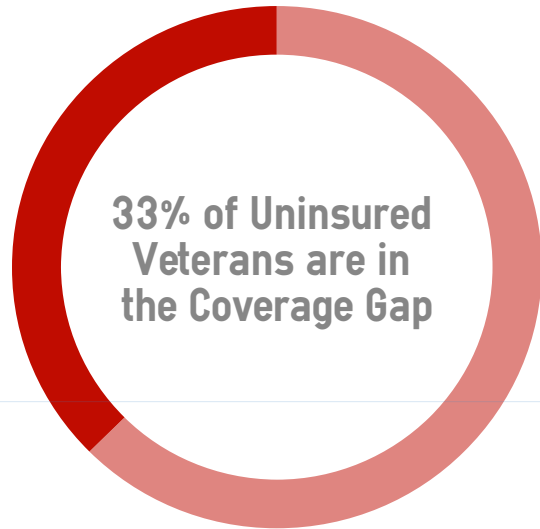
# Texan Veterans in the Coverage Gap

24,000 Texas veterans could gain health care coverage if our state accepted new federal health care funds that are available for their coverage. These veterans do not make enough income to get subsidized insurance from the Marketplace, but earn too much to get Medicaid.

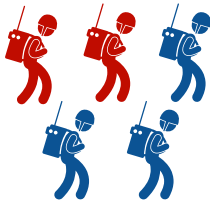
## Texas has 72,000 Uninsured Veterans



Texas has the highest number of uninsured veterans and family members of veterans of any state in the nation, with approximately 72,000 veterans currently living without health insurance.



## Only 2 out of 5 Veterans are Enrolled in VA Health Coverage



While many people assume that all veterans receive coverage through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), only 42 percent of veterans are enrolled in VA coverage nationally.

VA health care eligibility is determined by a variety of factors. Not all veterans qualify, others are not aware that they can apply for coverage, and some do not live near enough to a VA health facility to access care regularly.

Family members of veterans can only access VA coverage under limited, narrowly defined circumstances, and VA care does not typically extend to spouses. In 2014, 63,000 family members of veterans were uninsured in Texas.

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