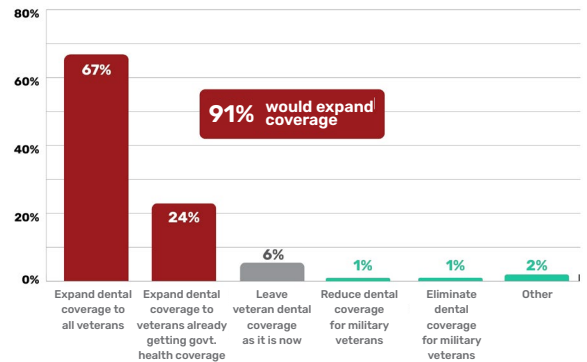


Voters demand **Dental Coverage for Veterans**

9 out of 10 American voters want to provide dental benefits to more veterans.

Not all military veterans eligible for government-subsidized health care through the Veterans Administration (VA) are also eligible for dental coverage. But most Americans believe they should be covered, and two-thirds want to provide veterans oral health coverage regardless of whether they get VA health care. A recent national poll of 1,000 registered voters, commissioned by CareQuest Institute for Oral Health, found that large majorities across the political spectrum feel the system should not exclude dental coverage from overall health care benefits offered by the VA.

What is your opinion about which veterans, if any, should receive dental coverage?



How popular is expanding dental coverage for veterans?



Support across political ideologies. 86% percent of respondents who voted for Donald Trump in both 2016 and 2020 and 94% of those who voted for Hillary Clinton or Joe Biden in those two elections think we should provide oral health to more veterans.



Popular across demographics. Overall, support for the reform is high regardless of income, education, race, ethnicity, or age. For example, voters earning less than \$30,000 a year were about as likely to support full oral health coverage for veterans (83% support) as those with incomes above \$150,000 (89% support).



Key issue for voters. Two-thirds of survey respondents said they would be more likely to support a candidate who wants to expand dental benefits for military veterans. Just 9% would lean the other way. (The rest said they would not be swayed.)

Candidates, want to show your support for military veterans?

- Demonstrate your public support for key oral health policies by filling out this form: [Candidate Support Form](#)
- Learn more about the health and economic benefits of dental coverage for veterans at carequest.org



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