

THE CASE FOR RxP

NUMBER OF TEXAS COUNTIES IN A MENTAL HEALTH PRESCRIBER SHORTAGE



251 of 254 Texas counties are mental health prescriber shortage areas (the other three counties have partial designations)*

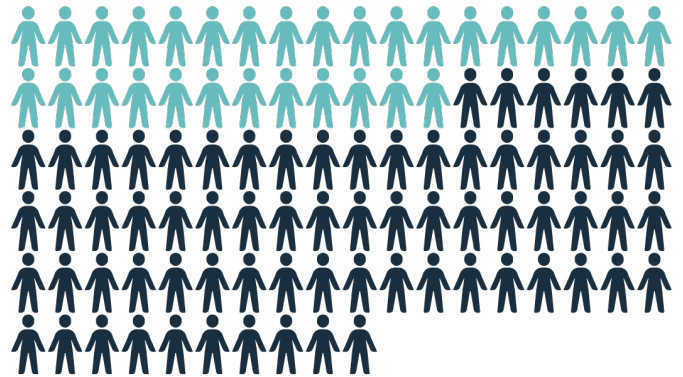
170 counties do not have a general psychiatrist.**

3.3 million Texans lack access to a psychiatrist

BY THE NUMBERS

Allowing psychologists to prescribe could increase the number of prescribing mental health providers by roughly:

30%



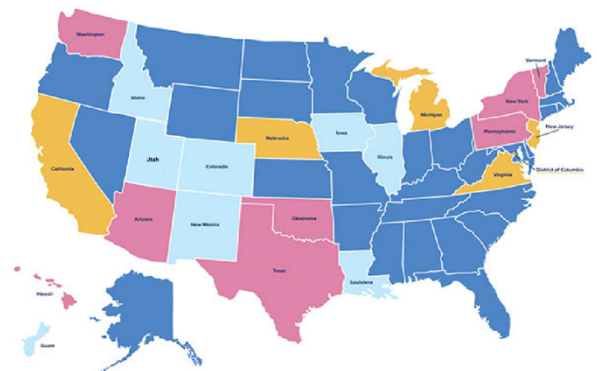
WHAT ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY?

The RxP bill is based on a nationally based curriculum and requires:

- Completion of a post-doctoral master's degree in psychopharmacology
- Passing a national exam (PEP)
- 2000 hours of supervised practice
- Informing the patient's primary care physician of prescribed medications
- Maintaining professional liability insurance
- Completion of annual continuing education in pharmacology/ psychopharmacology

STATES WITH RxP AUTHORITY

Psychologists already safely prescribe in all branches of the military, the Indian Health Service, the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and seven states.***



Key

- States and territories that grant prescribing licenses.
- States with bills pending.
- States with significant activity toward gaining RxPs.

*Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Dashboard, updated 8/25/2023. **Health Professional Resource Center: www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/hprc/ ***APA Monitor on Psychology, June 2023

