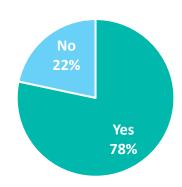


## Rural VIP No. 19: Primary Care

Do respondents have a primary care provider?



Of those respondents who have a primary care provider...

11

per cent have a **nurse practitioner** as their provider.

87

per cent live within a half hour of their provider.

89

per cent have a **physician** as their provider.

55

per cent wait less than one week to get an appointment with their provider.

74

per cent of respondents know people in their community who do not have a primary care provider.

According to respondents, there are many reasons why their community members do not have a primary care provider, including:

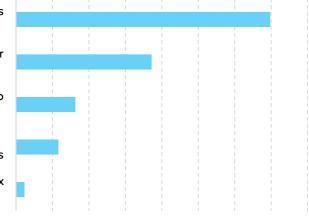
There is a waitlist to become attached to providers in the community

The individual's primary care provider has retired or left the community

The individual has no means of transportation to the clinic

The individual has decided to remain unattached even though providers are accepting new patients

The individual's medical concerns are too complex for the current providers in the community



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80%