

# ENDING THE HEADACHE DOCTOR SHORTAGE

The United States has **LESS THAN 1/6** THE NUMBER OF HEADACHE DOCTORS IT NEEDS.



Without enough doctors, headache patients **MUST WAIT WEEKS OR MONTHS** FOR AN APPOINTMENT.



Attacks Become Chronic



Symptoms Worsen



Improper Treatment Leads To Opioid Use Disorders



ER Visits Become Necessary



**INCREASING FELLOWSHIPS IN HEADACHE MEDICINE**

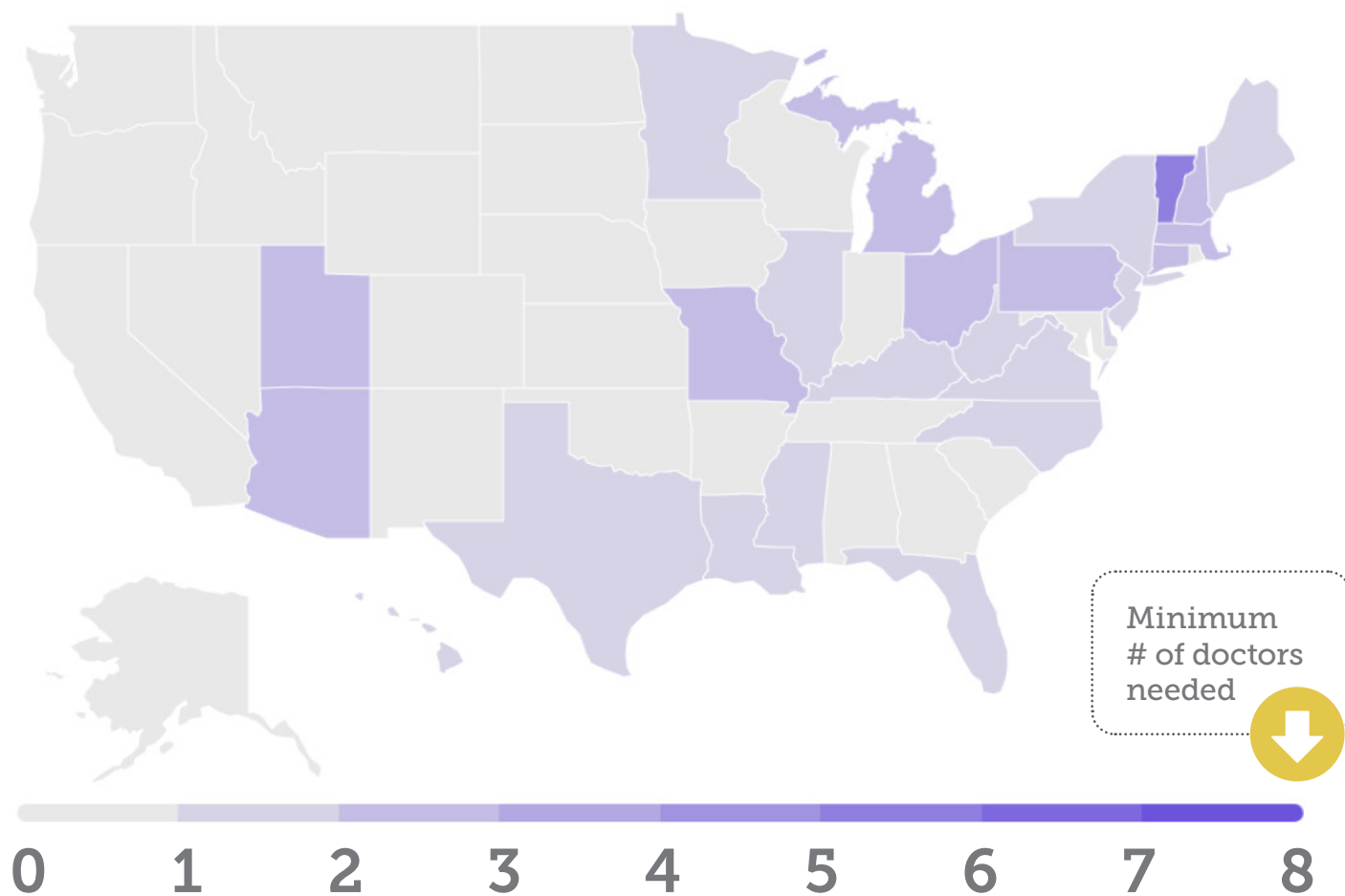
can expand the physician workforce that treats headache patients.

## HELP HEADACHE PATIENTS GET THE TREATMENT THEY NEED.

Ensure full federal funding of approved headache fellowships.



# THE NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF HEADACHE DOCTORS



Number of UCNS-Certified Headache Doctors per 100K Americans with migraine

- A headache doctor is defined as a physician certified in the field of Headache Medicine by the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS).
- An approved headache fellowship is a fellowship program in Headache Medicine accredited by the UCNS.

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