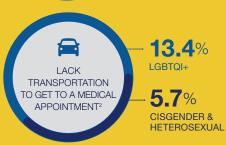
RECOGNIZING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY



Members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two-Spirit (LGBTQI+) community face unique health care challenges and barriers. Learn more about these issues and get resources to help ensure LGBTQI+ individuals have access to quality health care.

LGBTQI+ INDIVIDUALS FACE VARIOUS BARRIERS TO CARE THAT CAN IMPACT HEALTH OUTCOMES





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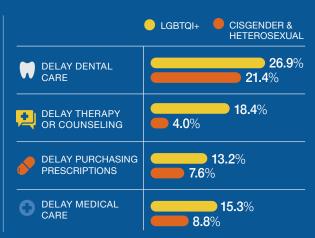
OF LGBTQI+ YOUTH DIDN'T TELL THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ABOUT THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION⁴

LGBTQI+ INDIVIDUALS ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR CERTAIN HEALTH ISSUES AND DELAYED CARE



PERCENT OF NEW HIV DIAGNOSES, AGED 13 AND OLDER, WERE GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN

Gay and bisexual men are also at an increased risk of various cancers, which might be related to limited culturally sensitive screening services.



DISPARITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH ALSO IMPACT THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY

PERCENT OF ADULT INDIVIDUALS AGES 18-64 REPORTING MENTAL ILLNESS⁵



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HETEROSEXUAL

OF LGBTQI+
ADULTS AGES
18-29 REPORT
SYMPTOMS OF
DEPRESSION®

OF LGBTQI+
INDIVIDUALS
REPORT
SYMPTOMS
OF ANXIETY

As CMS OMH works to ensure those we serve achieve their highest level of health and well-being, we wanted to share resources that you can review and give to the LGBTQI+ individuals that you serve:

- COVERAGE TO CARE: Coverage to Care resources are designed to help those you serve understand their health coverage and the primary care services available to them.
- CIVIL RIGHTS: Learn how the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights is working to protect the rights of LGBTQI+ individuals.
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's <u>LGBTQ+</u>
 Behavioral Health Equity Center of Excellence to learn how behavioral health providers can better support LGBTQ+ patients.

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