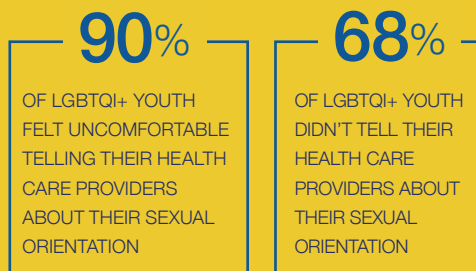
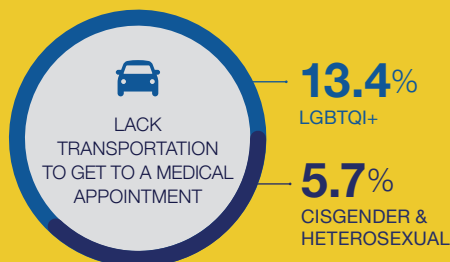
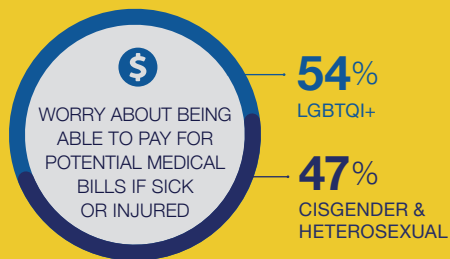


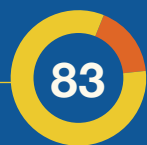
# RECOGNIZING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY

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

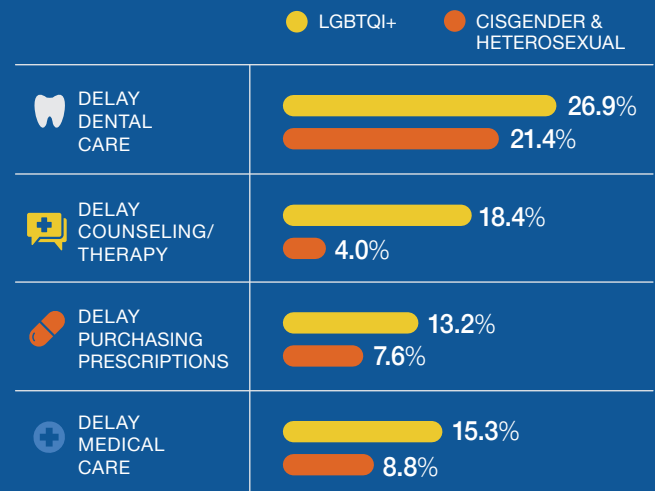


## LGBTQI+ INDIVIDUALS ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR CERTAIN HEALTH ISSUES AND DELAYED CARE



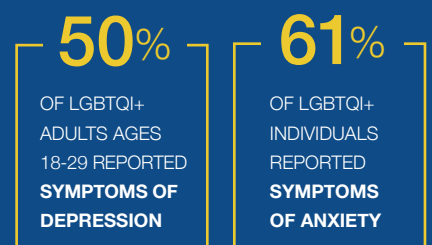
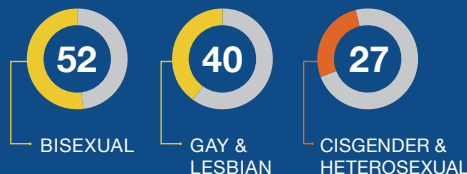
PERCENT OF NEW HIV DIAGNOSES, AGED 13 AND OLDER, WERE GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN.

*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 ILLNESS



As CMS OMH works to ensure those we serve achieve their highest level of health and well-being, we wanted to share resources that can be used by our partners and the LGBTQI+ individuals that you serve.

- **COVERAGE TO CARE:** [Coverage to Care](#) resources are designed to help individuals 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 [Center of Excellence on LGBTQI+ Behavioral Health Equity](#) to learn how behavioral health providers can better support LGBTQI+ patients.