

LGBTQIAP2+ Federal Resources- Health and Human Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

- [CMS Office of Minority Health](#)
The CMS Office of Minority Health offers a comprehensive source of information on eliminating health disparities and improving the health of all minority populations, like racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, individuals with limited English proficiency, and rural populations.
- [Sexual and Gender Minority Clearinghouse](#)
The Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Clearinghouse is designed to help improve the understanding of sexual and gender minority health and disparities, and provide information on health care access, health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services. Use this Clearinghouse as a resource to find surveys that include questions about sexual identity, attraction, and behavior. It also includes data on gender identity and household relationships.
- [Medicare Learning Network Web Based Training: Improving Health Care for LGBTQ People](#)
A 1-hour course designed to provide education for health care providers and staff who are responsible for collecting Medicare patient data from LGBTQ persons. Learn to identify sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) terminology to build trust with LGBTQ patients and recognize health disparities that impact many older LGBTQ adults. Recognize evidence-based questions to more accurately obtain SOGI data, and processes for maintaining data in an Electronic Health Record.
- [Health Insurance Marketplace Health Care Coverage Options for Same Sex Couples](#)
Describes Marketplace protections from discrimination by insurance companies, how to lower costs, more information on Marketplace application questions, and links to information on Marketplace enrollment, Medicaid and CHIP.
- [Transgender Health Care and Marketplace](#)
Describes important details for transgender people to consider in the Health Insurance Marketplace including, applying for Marketplace coverage, sex-specific preventive services, and plans with transgender exclusions.
- [Reducing Racial Disparities in Health Outcomes and Promoting Equity](#)
Webinar slides for Marketplace Assistors covering health equity, CMS Disparities Impact Statement, CMS Health Equity Technical Assistance Program, impact of social determinants of health, From Coverage to Care, and policy interventions.
- [Identifying the Transgender Population in the Medicare Program](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Greenlights Coverage of LGBTQ+ Care as an Essential Health Benefit in Colorado](#)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- [The National LGBT Health Education Center](#)
Supported through a cooperative agreement with The Fenway Institute and helps community health centers improve access for LGBT populations. Consults with, and develops curricula for, health centers focused on caring for LGBT people. Fenway Health is a HRSA-supported health center and one of the largest focused on LGBT health.
- [The HIV/AIDS Bureau](#) leads several efforts including:

[Ryan White Program](#)

Provides HIV-related services to more than half a million people each year.

[Special Projects of National Significance \(SPNS\) Program Enhancing Engagement and Retention in Quality HIV Care for Transgender Women of Color](#)

A multi-site demonstration project which funds support organizations that will design, implement, and evaluate innovative interventions. The goal is to improve timely entry, engagement, and retention in quality HIV care for transgender women of color living with HIV.

- [LGBT Training Curricula for Behavioral Health and Primary Care Practitioners](#)
- [Cultural Competency Curriculum: Nurses' Health Education about LGBT Elders](#)
- [Transgender HIV/AIDS Health Services Best Practice Guidelines](#)
- [National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership](#)

Provides training and technical assistance to health centers on implementing medical-legal partnerships, in which lawyers and paralegals work alongside health care teams to detect, address and prevent health-harming social conditions for people & communities.

Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

- [The Office for Civil Rights Homepage](#)
- [HHS Announces Prohibition on Sex Discrimination Includes Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)

*Pursuant to the Supreme Court's holding in *Bostock v. Clayton County* (issued June 2020), OCR interprets sex discrimination prohibitions in Title IX and Section 1557 to include prohibitions of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.*

- [HHS Notice and Guidance on Gender Affirming Care, Civil Rights, and Patient Privacy](#)
- [Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- [SAMHSA: LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity Center of Excellence](#)
This Center provides behavioral health practitioners with vital information on supporting the population of people identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, two spirit, and other diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions (LGBTQ+)
- [NNED: National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health](#)
NNED is a network of community-based organizations focused on the mental health and substance use issues of diverse racial and ethnic communities. The NNED supports information sharing, training, and technical assistance towards the goal of promoting behavioral health equity.
- [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
NCTSN is a network of frontline providers, family members, researchers, and national partners committed to changing the course of children's lives by improving their care and moving scientific gains quickly into practice across the U.S.
- [National Consumer and Consumer Supporter Technical Assistance Centers](#)
The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to promote evidence-based care for adults with serious mental illnesses. These programs recognize the value of those with lived experience as a component of the treatment system.

[Doors to Wellbeing](#)

Focus Areas & Key Projects: peer support workforce development, psychiatric advance directives, supported education and employment, youth leadership.

[Youth Move National Peer Center](#)

Focus Areas & Key Projects: youth leadership, youth engagement, implementation and integration of youth peer support, and youth-run program development.

- [The Trevor Project](#)
Provides resources, counseling, and support for LGBTQ+ youth nationally.
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Other HHS Federal Resources

- [National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services \(CLAS\) in Health and Health Care](#)
The National CLAS Standards are a set of 15 action steps intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by providing a blueprint for individuals and health and health care organizations to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
- [FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Advances Equality and Visibility for Transgender Americans](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services LGBTQI+ Health & Well-being](#)
Updated on March 31, 2022 as part of the Department's work to ensure that Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities – youth, adults, families, caretakers, and providers – have the resources they need to protect the health care of gender diverse individuals.
- [2021 Title X Final Rule](#)
The rule requires family planning projects to provide inclusive care to LGBTQI+ persons. Additionally, the rule prohibits discrimination against any client based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex characteristics, or marital status.
- [Healthy People 2030 Goal: Improve the health, safety, and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.](#)
Healthy People 2030 focuses on collecting data on LGBT health issues and improving the health of LGBT adolescents in particular.
- [Gender-Affirming Care and Young People](#)
Learn about what it is, how it improves the mental health and overall wellbeing of gender diverse youth, and review a list of additional resources.
- [United States Core Data for Interoperability \(USCDI\)](#)
A standardized set of health data classes and constituent data elements for nationwide, interoperable health information exchange. A recent [update](#) from HHS includes support for the electronic exchange of sexual orientation, gender identity and social determinants of health.