



In New York City, it is illegal to discriminate on the basis of a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression in public accommodations, including in **health care settings**.

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**You have the right to:**

1. Be treated with dignity, respect and professionalism in **all** health care settings by **all** providers and **all** staff
2. Receive compassionate, judgment-free and comprehensive care that is mindful of your sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression for **all** health services
3. Respectful discussions with providers about your health and health care needs, including your sexual history and current sex life
4. Have your gender identity and gender expression recognized, affirmed, documented and accommodated in all health care interactions
5. Clear explanations of providers' requests for your health information
6. Clear explanations of all medical procedures and risks, and the right to choose or refuse any treatment
7. Access health insurance coverage and benefits without discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression
8. Choose who will make medical decisions for you if you are unable; and, if you are a minor, the right to have your voice and best interests included in these decisions
9. Decide who may and may not visit you if you are admitted to a health care facility
10. Privacy and confidentiality



# HEALTH CARE BILL OF RIGHTS

Mistreated or denied care because of your sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression?  
Call 311 or 718-722-3131 to file a complaint with the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

For more information on your health care rights, visit [nyc.gov/health/lgbtq](https://nyc.gov/health/lgbtq).

