



## The GLBTQ Youth's Health Care Bill of Rights\*

### As a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning Young Person Accessing Health Care –

- , You have a right **to receive treatment without discrimination** on the basis of race/ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation.
- , You have a right **to receive respect** and positive, caring treatment;
- , You have a right **to ask questions**. You have a right to ask for clarification and to receive explanation of tests, treatments, options, and all aspects of your care.
- , You have a right **to receive confidential and affordable care**. Your provider should assure you that the information you share is confidential and will not be disclosed to a parent or guardian unless you provide permission. If the provider will not guarantee your confidentiality, you have a right to find a provider who will. You should not be denied care based on your ability to pay.
- , You have a right **to accurate, uncensored information**.
- , You have a right **to demand youth-friendly services** that are flexible and culturally appropriate.
- , You have a right **to non-judgmental health care**. Your provider should not make assumptions about your behavior.
- , You have a right **to disclose your sexual identity, gender identity, and sexual activities**. This information may help providers understand what kinds of tests, referrals, and health information you need.
- , You have a right **to say “no” to care** and to learn about the effect this may have on your health.
- , You have a right **to change providers** at any time and for any reason. You also have a right to a second opinion.

*In most states, providers must share information regarding physical and sexual abuse of minors with police and/or with child welfare officials. If this is a concern, ask your provider about the law before sharing your concerns.*

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