

LGBTQ

Health Care Bill of Rights

At health care facilities managed by Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, patients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ), should enjoy the following:

1. The right to be treated with dignity, respect and professionalism in all health care settings by all providers and staff members.
2. The right to receive compassionate, non-judgemental and comprehensive care that is mindful of your sexual orientation, sexual behavior, gender identity and gender expression. This right applies to all patient care public health services including: all health care and clinic services as well as addiction services, and medical records, with emphasis on:
 - Primary care such as immunizations and health screenings.
 - Sexual health care, including preventive services; risk and harm reduction counseling; testing, treatment and linkage to care.
 - Care following trauma, including care after hate violence, sexual violence and intimate partner violence.
 - Substance abuse, and mental and behavioral health evaluation, counseling and treatment.
3. The right to have respectful discussions with providers about your health and health care needs, including your sexual history, current sex life, sexual pleasure and relationships. The right to have your gender identity and gender expression recognized, affirmed and documented, including:
 - Staff members using your self-designated name and pronouns and mirroring the language you use to describe your body.
 - Access to paper and electronic forms and medical records that use your self-designated name, pronouns and gender marker.
 - Access to gender-neutral facilities consistent with your gender identity and gender expression.
5. The right to clear explanations of providers' requests for your personal health information, including with whom the information may be shared, and the right to withhold that information.
6. The right to clear explanations of all medical procedures and risks and to choose or refuse any treatment.
7. The right to choose who will make medical decisions for you if you are unable to do so; and, for minors, the right to have your wishes and best interests included in these decisions.
8. The right to privacy and confidentiality.

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For more information, you can visit phdmc.org/client-services/lgbtq-care

If you believe you have been mistreated or denied care or services because of your sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, call the LGBTQ Health Initiatives Manager at 937-224-3727.