

# **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Health Care Consumer's Bill of Rights**

**Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of all ages have the right to full and equal access to all health care services, in a supportive environment, where it is safe for them and for their families to come out to their providers if they choose to do so. They have the right to health care services that are comprehensive, medically appropriate and culturally competent. In order to ensure their access to quality health care, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of all ages have the right:**

1. to confidentiality of their medical records, including confidentiality about their sexual orientation and gender identity;
2. to have their family of choice recognized, acknowledged, and respected by all health care providers;
3. to be treated in a health care environment that uses culturally appropriate language, including culturally appropriate intake and other written forms;
4. to have case management and treatment plans that include and address sexual orientation and gender identity where it is a necessary and appropriate issue in client care;
5. to be included and have their needs addressed in prevention and other public health programs;
6. if a minor, to safe and confidential medical treatment, to be informed of their legal rights, and to be advised of the possibility and possible consequences of mandated reporting.