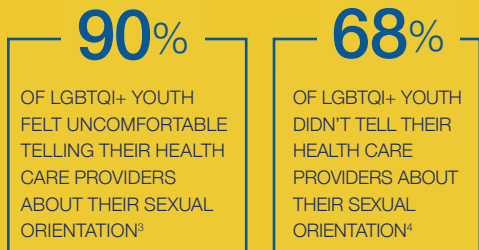
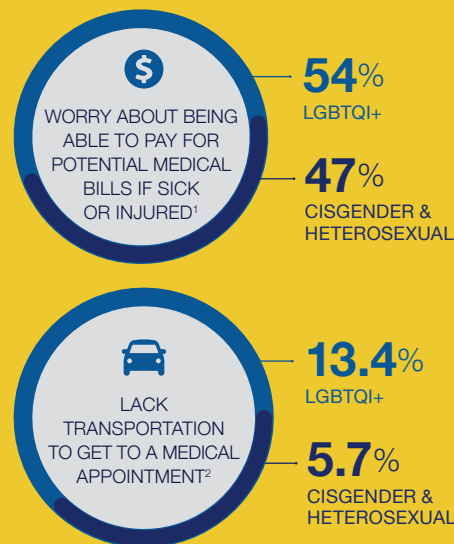


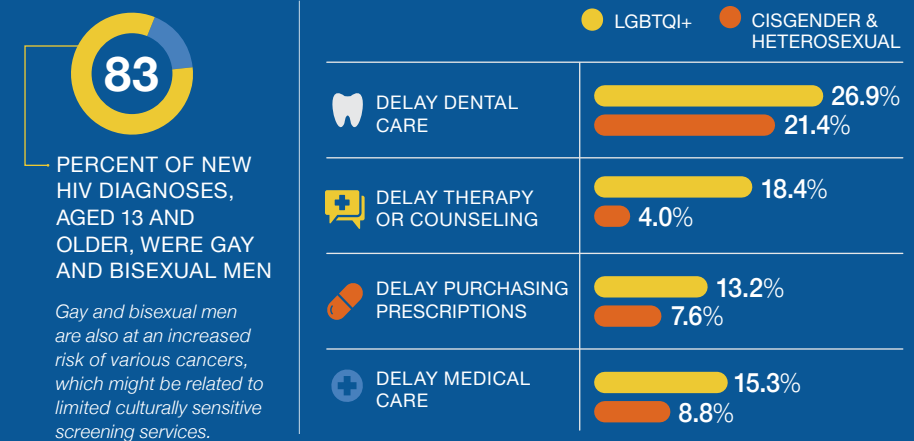
RECOGNIZING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY

Members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two-Spirit (LGBTQI+) community face unique health care challenges and barriers. Learn more about these issues and get resources to help ensure LGBTQI+ individuals have access to quality health care.

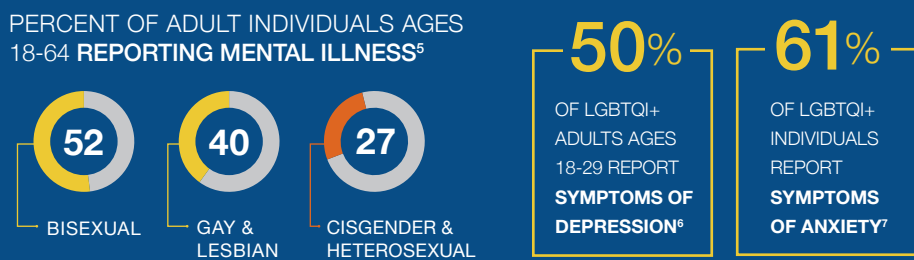
LGBTQI+ INDIVIDUALS FACE VARIOUS BARRIERS TO CARE THAT CAN IMPACT HEALTH OUTCOMES



LGBTQI+ INDIVIDUALS ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR CERTAIN HEALTH ISSUES AND DELAYED CARE



DISPARITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH ALSO IMPACT THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY



As CMS OMH works to ensure those we serve achieve their highest level of health and well-being, we wanted to share resources that you can review and give to the LGBTQI+ individuals that you serve:

- **COVERAGE TO CARE:** [Coverage to Care](#) resources are designed to help those you serve understand their health coverage and the primary care services available to them.

- **CIVIL RIGHTS:** Learn how the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights is working to protect the rights of [LGBTQI+ individuals](#).
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's [LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity Center of Excellence](#) to learn how behavioral health providers can better support LGBTQ+ patients.

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