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.

You have these rights when seeking health care services in New York City:

1. **Be treated with dignity**, respect and professionalism by all providers and all staff.
2. **Receive compassionate, judgement-free and comprehensive care** that is mindful of your sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.
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.
5. **Clear explanations of 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 or gender expression.
8. **Choose who will make medical decisions** for you if you are unable. If you are a minor, you have the right to have your voice heard 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**

If you believe you have been mistreated or denied care because of your sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, you can file a complaint with the City’s Commission on Human Rights by calling (718) 722-3131. You can also call **311** or file a complaint online.