

"LESBIANS DEMAND HEALTH CARE ACCESS!" is the theme of BOSTON'S 3rd ANNUAL DYKE MARCH, which is now being planned for JUNE 14!

Come help us plan a big dyke action and march around health care access.

Many lesbians are uninsured or underinsured. Under the current managed-care system and with federal welfare reform and budget cuts, there is less and less of a safety net for all of us.

Free care pools of money for uninsured and underinsured are shrinking locally. People cannot afford medications they need. Many have no insurance and do not receive preventative care that could detect illnesses earlier and contribute to a better quality of life. Even when insurance is offered by employers, women who work part-time (and even some full-time) can often not afford the premiums. Lesbians dealing with mental illness, deal with the stigma of it and the problem of being able to afford counseling. Even an insured lesbian with HMO coverage will often be restricted to full coverage of only 10 mental health visits a year, while "physical" illness is treated very differently. Many lesbians, when seeking medical care, are assumed straight. We have had to deal with these and other related issues in a very real way.

Join your sisters in planning this important act of dissent against the status quo of "managed care". Join us also in celebrating each other as the survivors that we are. We want this to be a political march, addressing the connections between class, race, sexism, homophobia and health care. We need your help and your ideas and energy.