

# HEALTH CARE STATISTICS

- In a 1989 study of 100 nurses teaching in nursing programs:
  - 52% thought lesbianism unnatural
  - 34% thought lesbians are "disgusting"
  - 17% thought lesbians molest children
- In a 1989 study of 1,681 Michigan lesbians:
  - 6% had a health care provider who was lesbian or gay
  - 61% felt they were unable to come out to their provider
  - 6% of their providers tried to "cure" their patient's lesbianism

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HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

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- Low income persons spend more out-of-pocket income (7-11%) on medical expenses than higher income persons (1-2%)
- In 1994 Massachusetts has the highest annual per capita health care expenditure in the U.S. -- \$3,892. The national average is \$3,020.
- In 1994 35.2% of the insured population were enrolled in a total of 16 HMO's in Massachusetts.
- 29% of minority adults report having "very little" or "no" choice in where to get health care, compared with 16% of white adults.

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WE ARE ALL ENTITLED TO QUALITY  
HEALTH CARE.

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Over 41 million people in the U.S. have no health insurance as of 1993. Two thirds of these are women and children. Almost half of these were members of a racial or ethnic group.

Of the nearly 10 million uninsured women of childbearing age, nearly two thirds are working women.

In 1994 there were 752,000 uninsured people in Massachusetts. That's 12.5% of the population. 31% of minority adults, ages 18-64, do not have health insurance, compared with 14% of white adults in the same age group.

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HEALTH PLAN NOW!!!!!!**

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- A survey by the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights found that 67% of the physicians surveyed reported knowing about patients who had received substandard care or were denied care because of their sexual orientation.
- According to a 1988 study, 72% of lesbians reported negative responses from their health care provider after disclosing their sexual orientation.
- Lesbians are at higher risk of breast and ovarian cancer, as well as heart disease according to a 1995 study.
- In a 1991 survey of 4 year medical schools in the U.S. the mean amount of course time devoted to the topic of homosexuality was 3 hrs, 26 min.

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EDUCATION OF HEALTH CARE  
PROVIDERS, AND ACCESS NOW!!!

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