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Current State of the Quality of Care and Outcomes for The LGBTQ Community

This letter addresses the publication of a policy proposed to address healthcare access limitations the LGBTQ community faces to promote quality health outcomes. The LGBTQ community is prone to poor health outcomes due to limited healthcare access. The population faces discrimination by society, hence decreased access to vital resources such as insurance and healthcare services, which affects their health outcomes (Casey et al., 2019). Numerous reports show that the population has poor health outcomes due to fear of seeking healthcare services.

The Necessity for Health Policy Development

There are government policies and position papers that support non-discriminatory health environments. However, they are hardly followed, and numerous reports show the population suffers a more significant burden of violence, injuries, sexually transmitted infections, and mental health illnesses (Knoepp & Mirabella, 2022). In addition, a significant majority report discrimination in healthcare and thus, fear of recurrence makes them fail to seek healthcare services. There is a need to implement a policy that eliminates discrimination and increases access to services.

Justification of the Health Policy

The policy developed will address eliminating patient discrimination in healthcare, hence increasing the confidence of individuals in seeking care. It will also deal with stereotypes, ensuring that care providers' differences will not interfere with the quality of care delivered, hence quality patient outcomes (Mateo & Williams, 2020). Thus, this policy will promote access to healthcare services, hence better population outcomes.

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This policy will also help eliminate discrimination in this community outside hospital settings and promote acceptance in the community and families hence better outcomes (Mateo & Williams, 2020). The policy will also help other professionals implement strategies to prevent workplace discrimination, hence increasing access to vital resources. The policy also utilizes interprofessional teams in its development and advocacy, hence its fitness for implementation in the facility and achieving desired outcomes. Implementing this policy is thus significant in enhancing care access and eliminating discrimination among the LGBTQ community.

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