

## Callen-Lorde Receives Federal Funds to Improve the Health of the LGBT Community

by Jay Laudato



Callen-Lorde Community Health Center is proud to announce that it has received an award of an annual grant under the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) program of \$550,000 per year to help support our services to the uninsured in our community. *Callen-Lorde will receive these funds through the sponsorship of Sunset Park Family Health Center, one of the largest FQHC in the City.* These funds

are critically important in our efforts to raise the approximate 1.5 million dollars we expend each year in services to our uninsured patients.

Equally important, Callen-Lorde is the first health center in the country to be awarded these funds for the specific goal of improving the health of the LGBT community. Federally Qualified Health Centers are required to demonstrate the

federal government how their services are not only meeting the needs of the uninsured but also improving the health of the entire community. With Callen-Lorde's inclusion in this program, the federal government will support and record our efforts to both care for our community when we are sick as well as our work to keep lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and persons of transgender experience healthy for their entire lives!

## Callen-Lorde Opens Dental Program This Summer

by Susan Weigl

Callen-Lorde is pleased to announce that it will be partnering with Lutheran Medical Center in opening a state-of-the-art dental services suite on the third floor of 356 West 18th Street. Under the direction of Dr. Calix Ramos-Rodriguez in coordination with the residency program of Lutheran Medical Center, the dental suite is anticipated to open in the summer of 2002. The addition of an oral health program will expand Callen-Lorde's mission to provide comprehensive, quality health care to our communities.

The Dental Services suite at Callen-Lorde will include the latest innovations in oral health care, including digital x-ray. The following services will be offered:

- preventive oral health care (dental exams, cleaning, and x-rays)
- restorative services
- rehabilitative services (including complete dentures, crowns, and fixed bridges)
- endodontic treatment (root canal)
- periodontal treatment (treatment of gums)
- urgent services
- nitrous oxide sedation

The dental facility will be state of the art with the latest equipment and technology. The addition of dental services at Callen-Lorde will further enhance its holistic approach in providing health care for patients.

The Dental Services Program will initially only accept Medicaid, and ADAP Plus. For patients who do not have medical insurance, we will offer a sliding scale fee structure based on documented income level and family size. Please note that the sliding fee scale for dental services will be different from our fee structure for medical and mental health services.

# Callen-Lorde announces Family Health Plus

by Andrew Brown

## What is Family Health Plus?

Family Health Plus is a New York State program that offers comprehensive health insurance at no cost to low-income, uninsured family members between the ages of 19 and 64.

## How do people qualify?

Interested individuals will be asked to provide proof documenting their identity, residence and income. There is no resource test, meaning that savings and property are not considered in determining eligibility. Please refer to the following family size and annual income limits eligible for coverage, as of 01/01/02:

Family Size	Annual Income
1 Adult	Up to \$8,910
2 Adults, No Child	Up to \$11,990
Adult/Child, 2 Total	Up to \$15,947
Adult/Child, 3 Total	Up to \$20,044

## What medical services are provided and/or arranged by Callen-Lorde?

- Physician and Nurse
- Practitioner services
- Prescription drugs
- Laboratory tests
- Outpatient mental health services
- Early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment services (for enrollees 19-21 year's old)

## What other services are covered?

- Emergency, preventive, and routine dental care (except orthodontia and cosmetic surgery)
- Inpatient and outpatient hospital care
- X-rays
- Vision, speech and hearing services
- Rehabilitative services
- Durable medical equipment
- Emergency room and emergency ambulance services
- Drug & alcohol treatment
- Diabetic supplies and equipment
- Radiation therapy, chemotherapy and hemodialysis

## Where can people enroll?

Individuals who wish to select a Callen-Lorde Medical Provider can sign up through any of the following Family Health Plus insurance plans or directly on-site at the Health Center. Re-certification is annual and can be done by mail.

**CenterCare**  
1-800-545-0571

**Health First**  
1-800-404-8778

**HIP**  
1-888-224-5286

**For additional information about Family Health Plus: Call 1-877-934-7587 or Visit [http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/fhplus/what\\_is\\_fhp.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/fhplus/what_is_fhp.htm)**

## Our Mission

The Michael Callen-Audre Lorde Community Health Center provides quality health care and related services primarily to New York's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community regardless of ability to pay. To further this mission, Callen-Lorde promotes health education and wellness and advocates for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender health issues.

## Medical Services

If you're looking for a primary care provider, consider Callen-Lorde. Our sensitive and compassionate staff can address all of your health needs, including:

**Primary Care**, and ongoing relationship with the medical professional of your choice who will provide:

**Annual Physical Exam**, including cholesterol, blood pressure, and diabetes screenings

**Immunizations** (such as flu, hepatitis A and B)

**Care for Common Medical Problems**, for example: Cold, flu, and sore throat

Back pain  
Headache and sinus pain  
Urinary tract infection

### On going Care for Chronic Health Problems

for example:  
Asthma  
Allergies  
Diabetes  
Heart Disease  
High Blood Pressure

### Testing and Treatment

for example:  
Sexually Transmitted Diseases  
HIV Counseling and Testing

**Specialty Services**, an ongoing relationship with a medical professional with specific training and expertise in the following areas:

**Gynecologic Care**, for example:  
Pap Smear  
Breast Exam  
Colposcopy  
Pre-Conception

### HIV/AIDS Medical Treatment

Immune system monitoring (viral load and T-cell testing)  
Antiretroviral Therapy with educational treatment adherence support  
Nutritional Counseling  
Support Groups, Psychotherapy, and Case Management Services

### Transgender Health

Education and Counseling  
Hormone Therapy including laboratory monitoring  
Ongoing Primary Care

### Senior Health

Ongoing Primary Care and Chronic Health Problem Management

### Appointments

Same or next day appointment are available with the medical professional of your choice. For appointments, call Callen-Lorde at (212) 271-7200.

### Business Hours

Monday 12:30pm-8:00pm;  
Wednesday 8:30pm-8:00pm;  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-4:30pm

### Location

356 West 18th St.  
(between 8th and 9th Aves.)  
New York, NY 10011  
Subway  
A, C, E, 2, 3, to 14th St.;  
1, 9, to 18th St.; L to 8th Ave.

### Bus

M10, M11 to 18th St.;  
M14, M23 to 9th Ave.

### Payment

Callen-Lorde accepts most major insurance plans, as well as Medicare, Medicaid, and ADAP Plus. Please call ahead to inquire about specific plans accepted. For individuals without insurance coverage, we offer a sliding-scale fee structure based on your documented income level and family size.

[www.Callen-Lorde.org](http://www.Callen-Lorde.org)



## SAVE THE DATE !

Lesbian Health Services Program  
of The Callen-Lorde Community Health Center  
presents its'

ANNUAL BREAST FEST FOR LESBIANS, BISEXUAL WOMEN,



& WOMEN WHO PARTNER WITH WOMEN

• **Wheelchair accessible.**

**Saturday**  
**May 4, 2002**  
**11am • 4pm**

Lesbians, Bisexual Women and Women Who  
Partner with Women are invited to join us for  
a day of food and fun and door prizes

Welcoming Remarks by Assemblyperson Deborah Glick  
Keynote Address: **The Mammogram Controversy**  
Where Do We Go From Here?

### Workshops:

Hormone Replacement Therapy  
Acupuncture  
Massage  
Nutrition  
Surfing The Net for Good Health and more!

### Mammograms:

Advanced appointment required, Call now  
For information: Monifa Bishop (212) 271-7207  
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center  
356 West 18th Street between 8/9 Avenues

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## Walk on the Wild Side 2



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A Summer Party for Callen-  
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at the Central Park Zoo  
Monday • June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
6 • 9 pm

For information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, call (212) 271-7263.



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