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# MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANNING TIPS FOR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING PEOPLE (TGNC)

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## TGNC PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE

IF YOU ARE TRANSGENDER AND/OR GENDER NON-CONFORMING, IT'S IMPORTANT TO PLAN FOR UNFORESEEN MEDICAL EMERGENCIES. HERE IS A LIST OF TIPS TO HELP YOU CAN USE IF YOU EVER HAVE TO GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM:

### TGNC PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE IF YOU ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE!

It is important to tell the provider at the ER all the substances you may be under the influence of so they can have a full picture of your situation as well as to ensure to avoid potential drug interactions.

Unless you are brought in by police, ER staff will not report your drug screen unless you are pregnant, a "danger to yourself or others" and/or admitted to the psychiatric ward.

Drug screens become part of a patient's medical chart, so if your medical record is ever requested by a third party they will have access to your drug screen.

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### TGNC PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE IF YOU ARE UNDOCUMENTED!

It is possible for undocumented immigrants to qualify for Emergency Medicaid coverage for emergency care. In New York State, Medicaid for Emergency Care may be used to provide chemotherapy and radiation therapy to undocumented patients with cancer. It may be used to provide outpatient dialysis to undocumented patients.

Folks with PRUCOL (permanent resident under the color of law) can access Medicaid.

### TGNC PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE IF ARE A SEX WORKER!

Medical staff cannot report your employment status to authorities unless a documented crime is committed.

Employment status, if reported, may become a part of your medical record.

It is important to let providers know if you have had sex recently so they can assist you in accessing post HIV exposure prophylaxis if needed/wanted.



# RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE

## TGNC PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE IF YOU ARE UNINSURED!

If possible, go to an urgent care or community health center – these options will be less expensive than an ER.

If possible, be honest about your inability to pay.

All hospitals have programs to assist folks without insurance.

Many hospitals have sliding scales or discounts if you pay an up front amount.

If at all possible, go immediately to a hospital's billing office when you are released.

Opt for generic prescriptions and utilize prescription assistance programs.

**Under the law:** any patient who arrives at an Emergency Room in a hospital that participates in the Medicare program must be given an initial screening, and if found to be in need of emergency treatment (or in active labor), must be treated until stable.

## TGNC PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE IF YOU ENGAGE IN BDSM/KINK/PLAY!

Be clear and adamant that injury is a result of a consensual sex act.

Be honest about your injuries that might need attention, regardless of how you got them.

## TGNC PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE IF YOU HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT!

If you state you were assaulted or are a victim of intimate partner violence, the assault will likely be reported due to medical staff duty to report crime (this is based on state law).

If a crime is reported, you do not have to cooperate with police in filing criminal charges (but the state may press civil charges).

If you are TGNC and need assistance with filing assault charged contact the Anti-Violence Project.

You can access post exposure prophylaxis for free if you have been the victim of sexual assault.

## OTHER HELPFUL PLANNING TIPS

Practice how you will tell your provider you're trans\*

If you feel comfortable, disclose your TGNC status as soon as you are triaged at the ER.

Hospitals have a patient advocate (some even have a LGBT specific patient advocate) you can access if you need assistance.

Preemptively practice this conversation with a friend.

It is illegal for hospitals to discriminate against gender identity or expression in New York City.

## LOCATIONS

**Callen-Lorde Community Health Center: Main Site**  
356 West 18th Street  
New York, NY 10011

**Callen-Lorde Seventeen: The Thea Spyer Center for Integrated Health**  
*\*Mental Health Services*  
230 West 17th Street  
New York, NY 10011

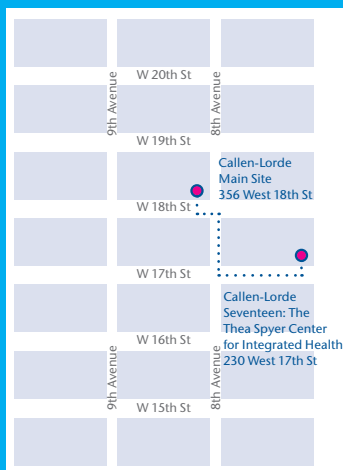
## HOURS

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Wednesday	8:15 am – 8:15 pm
Thursday	8:15 am – 8:15 pm
Friday	8:15 am – 4:45 pm
Saturday	8:15 am – 3:15 pm
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**Subway:**  
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