PROTECTIONS FOR LANGUAGE ACCESS ARE AT RISK

The Trump Administration has proposed to roll back health care civil rights protections for women, LGBTQ+, and limited English proficient (LEP) people. If this goes unopposed, as many as 25 million LEP Americans could face increased barriers to healthy lives.

What Could be Lost for LEP communities?

- Health insurance companies, parts of the federal government and others may be totally exempt from the Health Care Rights Law
- LEP people would no longer be notified about how to get assistance in their language
- Companies would no longer be encouraged to develop plans for helping LEP customers
- LGBTQ+ and people who use reproductive services who are LEP could face double discrimination

Top 5 Numbers of LEP People by Language

- 16,357,882 SPANISH
- 1,809,187 CHINESE
- 864,080 VIETNAMESE
- 591,984 KOREAN
- 864,080 TAGALOG

Why is language access important in health care?

If people who prefer to speak languages other than English don’t know their rights, they may not know they can ask for interpretation services at the doctor, or help understanding their insurance documents. Research has found that health outcomes suffer if patients don’t receive care or information in their language.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Did you know?..  

9% of the total population are uninsured

34% of the LEP population are uninsured

Many Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders are LEP.

Nearly 6M AAs are LEP

100K+ NHPIs are LEP

63% Burmese are LEP

45% Vietnamese are LEP

16% Micronesians are LEP

TAKE ACTION!

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