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## **Dayton VA Medical Center Named “Leader” in LGBT Healthcare Equality**

The largest LGBT civil rights advocacy group in the nation has named the Dayton VA Medical Center a “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality”, the highest possible ranking, in their 2016-2017 Healthcare Equality Index. This is the second year in a row that the Dayton VAMC has earned this top rank.

This recognition, awarded by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), was based on four criteria: patient non-discrimination, equal visitation, employment non-discrimination, and training in LGBT patient-centered care.

Specifically, the HRC recognized the Dayton VA’s policies on patient care, visitation, and employment which specifically ban discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The HRC also identified Dayton VA’s employee training programs related to LGBT patient-centered care.

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