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## **Chase Brexton Health Care Named “Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality” by Human Rights Campaign**

*One of three health care providers in Md., 300 nationwide to earn designation*

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**BALTIMORE** (April 3, 2017) -- Chase Brexton Health Care has once again been named a “Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality” by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the nation’s largest LGBTQ civil rights organization.

The designation was reported in the 10th edition of the [Healthcare Equality Index \(HEI\)](#), released in late March. Chase Brexton was one of only three Maryland healthcare providers, and 302 nationwide, to earn the honor.

To be named a Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality, Chase Brexton achieved a perfect score of 100 points across new criteria implemented by the Healthcare Equality Index. The categories measured included staff training and benefits, patient services and engagement, and responsible citizenship.

“This distinction shows that Chase Brexton remains a leader in providing welcoming, affirming care to the LGBTQ community in Baltimore and beyond,” said Nate Sweeney, Executive Director of The LGBT Health Resource Center of Chase Brexton Health Care. “Each year, the Human Rights Campaign raises their standards for services, policies, training, and care. We are proud to have once again met those standards.”

A record 590 healthcare facilities participated in the HEI 2017 survey. In addition to active survey participants, the HRC Foundation proactively researched key policies at more than 900 non-participating hospitals.

“The 2017 HEI reminds us again that though we have made tremendous gains over the past decade, there is still much more work left for us to do. With some of our biggest battles still ahead of us, it is crucial that institutions continue to demonstrate that the march toward full equality is not slowing down,” said HRC President Chad Griffin. “The 590 participants in this year’s HEI continue this march in partnership with the LGBTQ community.”

In the 2017 report, a total of 302 facilities—51 percent of those actively participating in the survey—met the more challenging criteria to earn this designation.

Among providers who did not participate in the HEI but were scored based on research, only 61 percent have policies that include both “sexual orientation” and “gender identity,” and only 52 percent were found to have an LGBTQ-inclusive employment non-discrimination policy.

*Chase Brexton Health Care is a primary care provider serving a diverse group of patients at our seven clinics in Baltimore City, Randallstown, Columbia, Glen Burnie and Easton, as well as Sheppard Pratt's Way Station office and as provider of student health services at the Maryland Institute College of Art. A Joint Commission-accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we provide a range of clinical services from primary medical care to behavioral health services to pharmacy. More than 350 staff members work as a team to put patients at the center of their own care, empowering them to live their healthiest lives. For more information on our many programs and services, please visit [ChaseBrexton.org](http://ChaseBrexton.org).*

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