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Access to Health Care  
Resources, Initiatives  
& Programs

**DREDF eNews**

Dear Friends,

This eNews issue is devoted to health care. You will find links to information on the DREDF website about our work to improve access to health care for people with disabilities, and to resources, initiatives and programs devoted to challenging barriers to accessible and culturally competent care.

**Health Care Equity for People with Disabilities Marred by Barriers, Disparities, Discrimination**

Obtaining and maintaining health insurance coverage and quality health care is critical for everyone, but people with disabilities face additional barriers to receiving adequate health care. These include inaccessible facilities and exam and diagnostic equipment, lack of sign language interpreters, materials in accessible formats and other programmatic accommodations, limits on insurance coverage for assistive technology, and even outright discrimination.

Have you experienced physical or programmatic barriers when you sought health care? [Tell Us Your Story!](#)

**Using Disability Rights Laws to Improve Access**

- [What's the problem?](#)
- [What does programmatic access mean in health care?](#)
- [How can the ADA and Section 504 increase access and accommodations?](#)

**DREDF Projects and Collaborations**

- [Restoring Durable Medical Equipment Coverage in California](#)
- [The California Disability Health Coalition](#)
- [The National Council on Disability Research Project on the Current State of Health Care for Americans with Disabilities](#)
- Collaboration with San Francisco Health Plan

DREDF is collaborating with the San Francisco Health Plan to identify methods to increase the capacity of health care providers who are part of the Plan's network to provide programmatic accommodations to members who have disabilities.

**Publications and Legislation**

Institute of Medicine  
[The Future of Disability in America](#)

Proposed Federal Legislation  
[Medicare Competitive Bidding](#)

**Federal Agencies**

Health and Human Services  
[Office on Disability](#)

Centers for Disease Control  
[Disability and Health Women with Disabilities](#)

Agency for Health Care  
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Office of the Surgeon General  
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**Candidates on Health Care**

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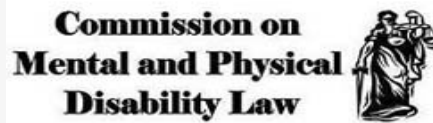
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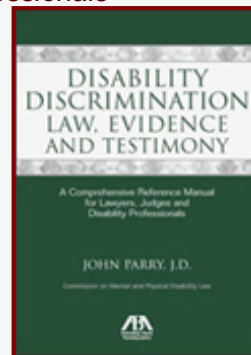
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