

HIV and Discrimination

POSITION STATEMENT

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HIV infection or suspected infection should not be the basis of discriminatory actions in areas such as medical care, housing, public transportation, employment, education, and life, medical or disability insurance.

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) considers it a priority to eliminate HIV-related discrimination by educating its members, other health care professionals, and the general public about HIV disease and its prevention.

The APA shall respond to instances of HIV-related discriminatory practices and unjustified public policy.