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ICVAMC BECOMES ONE OF 462 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES NATIONWIDE TO EARN THE “LGBTQ+ HEALTHCARE EQUALITY HIGH PERFORMER” DESIGNATION

IOWA CITY, IA - May 17, 2024 – Iowa City VA Medical Center (ICVAMC) has earned the “LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer” designation from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation (HRC). The designation was awarded in the 16th iteration of HRC’s [Healthcare Equality Index \(HEI\)](#). A record 1,065 healthcare facilities actively participated in the HEI 2024 survey and scoring process. ICVAMC joins the 462 participants that received the “*LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer*” designation nationwide.

“Achieving this designation showcases our commitment to promoting equitable, inclusive, and patient centered care for LGBTQ+ Veterans,” said LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator Teresa Coker.

“The Healthcare Equality Index is helping people find facilities where welcoming policies and practices are the standard,” said Kelley Robinson, President of the Human Rights Campaign. “We know that LGBTQ+ people – especially our trans family – continue to face discrimination in the doctor’s office. No one should have to put their health on the backburner for fear of mistreatment in a healthcare facility or by their doctor.”

About the Iowa City VA Health Care Center:

The Iowa City VA Healthcare System (Iowa City VA Health Care System) provides more than 100,000 Veterans with outstanding health care, trains America’s future health care providers, and conducts important medical research. The ICVAHCS in an innovative care center, which includes medical centers and clinics in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, and Wisconsin. For more information, please visit the [Iowa City VA Health Care System website](#).

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