

ACTION PAPER

TITLE: Health Care Is a Human Right

WHEREAS:

Whereas,

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are intrinsic American values enshrined in the American Declaration of Independence

Whereas,

Health is essential for quality and longevity of life

Whereas,

Health of individuals and populations is an essential asset for robust economies and democracies

Whereas,

Health is essential to a nation's security and prosperity

BE IT RESOVLED:

That the American Psychiatric Association adopt the following position statement: "Health care, inclusive of mental health care, is a human right".

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