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## Clinton to speak at HRC dinner

WASHINGTON, DC— President Clinton will be the keynote speaker at the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) gala national dinner on November 8. "President Clinton's participation at this event will be historic," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director. "The president's attendance will make the first time a sitting president has participated at a gay and lesbian civil rights event."

In addition to Clinton's keynote address, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), the legislative arm of this country's historic civil rights movement, will receive one of HRC's National Civil Rights Awards. Dr. Dorothy Height, chairperson of LCCR, will be accepting the award.

Actress Ellen DeGeneres and her partner, Anne Heche, will also be attending the event. DeGeneres will also be accepting an HRC National Civil Rights Award for her very public

coming out last spring.

On September 8, HRC named DeGeneres' mother, Betty, as the organization's National Coming Out Project spokesperson.

The sold-out national dinner will take place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington and will be attended by 1500 guests.

Last year, President Clinton provided a videotaped message to the HRC's OutVote convention during the 1996 campaign. That event was designed to inspire volunteer involvement in political campaigns for state and federal office seekers who are supportive of equal rights for lesbian and gay people.

The dinner occurs two days before the first White House Conference on Hate Crimes, scheduled for November 10. The conference will examine bias-motivated crime and seeks to find solutions to curb this escalating social problem, one of HRC's highest priorities. ▼

## Gay doctors criticize proposals giving police access to records

by Sue Rochman  
Special to Q-Notes

SAN FRANCISCO—The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) has announced its opposition to the Clinton administration's proposed legislation on medical records and patient confidentiality, noting that such access will seriously compromise patient care by leaving gay men, lesbians and people who are HIV-positive open to discrimination or harassment.

"Although we support the administration's attempt to create legislation that would codify the privacy of the patient-provider relationship, we are dismayed that the recommendations do not restrict federal and state law enforcement agencies from gaining access to medical records without patient consent," said GLMA Director of Public Policy Marj Plumb.

The proposed legislation, presented to Congress by Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala on September 11, would effectively deny patients the right to control who has access to information on their HIV status or sexual orientation. GLMA fears a patient's medical records potentially could be used by law enforcement officials to charge someone with sodomy or to target people who are HIV-positive. GLMA is also concerned that

information contained in medical records about sexual orientation could be used against gays or lesbians seeking child custody or visitation.

"The ramifications of police access to the medical records of people who legitimately fear discrimination because of their sexual orientation or HIV status are far reaching," said GLMA Executive Director Ben Schatz. "I fear that under the proposal, doctors may have to warn their patients that they have the right to remain silent and that anything they say may be used against them in a court of law."

In June, Plumb testified before the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics of the Department of Health and Human Services specifically addressing the concern that the proposed legislation would not adequately protect gay men, lesbians and those who are HIV-positive. At that time, GLMA stressed the need for legislation that would acknowledge societal bias and discrimination and strictly limit unnecessary disclosure of confidential medical records.

GLMA's report *Anti-Gay Discrimination in Medicine: Results of a National Survey of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Physicians* notes that when a patient's sexual orientation is disclosed, gay/lesbian patients run a serious risk of encountering discrimination. ▼



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