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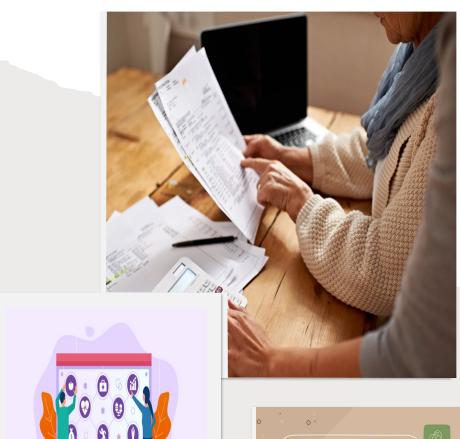
A MENTAL HEALTH
EPIDEMIC: THE
COVID-19
PANDEMIC'S EFFECT
ON ANXIETY AND
DEPRESSION AMONG
WOMEN AND LGBT
ADULTS

- Entering the third year of the pandemic, women of color, disabled women, and LGBT adults experienced some of the highest rates of depression and anxiety.
- These populations still struggle to pay for things they need and still experience heightened anxiety and depression symptoms.
- At the same time, many who said they needed mental health services had difficulty accessing them.

HOW CAN COMMISSIONERS ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH?

Five Opportunities in:

- 1. Preventive Health Screenings
- 2. Benefit Design
- 3. Provider Discrimination
- 4. Financial Costs of Medical Care
- 5. Consumer Experience Navigating Care









THANK YOU

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