

WHEN HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT DISCRIMINATES



Exploring the value of a medicine, diagnostic or medical device is called health technology assessment.

But sometimes metrics **UNDERVALUE CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE** and their health.



The **Quality Adjusted Life Year** is a health economics metric that considers value over time.

1 QALY = 1 YEAR OF "PERFECT" HEALTH

But some patients **DON'T HAVE AS MUCH TIME** to benefit from a medicine.



OTHERS MAY NEVER ENJOY a year of "perfect" health.



That doesn't mean **MEDICINES TO TREAT THESE PATIENTS** aren't valuable.

SOME POLICYMAKERS RECOGNIZE THE QALY AS DISCRIMINATORY.



QALY-based programs may violate the **Americans with Disabilities Act**



Medicare is banned from using the QALY to make **coverage decisions**



Some states are considering banning the QALY in decisions about **drug affordability**

But the QALY is still hurting patients.

PATIENTS DESERVE QUALITY CARE, NOT QALY-BASED CARE.

