Using BRFSS data on same-sex households from 2000-2016, researchers at Vanderbilt University found that:

**Legal Access to Same-Sex Marriage:**

1. Increased marriage take-up among individuals in same-sex households
   - **Percentage point increase in men marrying:** 5.7
   - **Percentage point increase in women marrying:** 3.7

2. Increased health insurance & health care utilization among men in same-sex households
   - **Percentage point increase in having health insurance:** 4.2
   - **Percentage point increase in having a usual source of care:** 4.2
   - **Percentage point increase in having a check up:** 7.3

3. Did not affect access to health care for women

More research on LGBT people and policies is critically needed.

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