

Medical Necessity of Transition-Related Health Care

House Bill 1933 proposes a ban on transition-related coverage that is regressive and out of step with the medical, legal, and national consensus on health care. Every major medical organization, and an overwhelming consensus of medical experts, agree that medical treatment for gender dysphoria, including surgical procedures, are effective, safe, and medically necessary. In keeping with this consensus and contemporary standards of care, Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance policies across the country routinely cover transition-related care as medically necessary treatment.

American Medical Association

[Resolution 122; A08: Removing Financial Barriers to Care for Transgender Patients \(2008\)](#)ⁱ

American Psychiatric Association

[Position Statement on Access to Care for Transgender and Gender Variant Individuals \(2012\)](#)ⁱⁱ

[Position Statement on Discrimination Against Transgender and Gender Variant Individuals \(2012\)](#)ⁱⁱⁱ

American Psychological Association

[Policy on Transgender, Gender Identity and Gender Expression Non-Discrimination \(2008\)](#)^{iv}

[Guidelines for Working with Transgender, Gender Nonconforming People \(2015\)](#)^v

American College of Physicians

[Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health Disparities: Executive Summary of a Policy Position Paper from the American College of Physicians \(2015\)](#)^{vi}

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

[Committee Opinion No. 512: Health Care for Transgender Individuals \(2011\)](#)^{vii}

American Academy of Pediatrics

[Statement in Support of Transgender Children, Adolescents and Young Adults \(2017\)](#)^{viii}

American Academy of Family Physicians

[Resolution No. 1004 on Transgender Care \(2012\)](#)^{ix}

American Academy of Nursing

[Press Release: Academy Supports Initiatives to Address Health of Transgender Individuals \(2016\)](#)^x

National Association of Social Workers

[Transgender and Gender Identity Issues Policy Statement \(2008\)](#)^{xi}

American College of Nurse Midwives

[Statement on Transgender/Transsexual/Gender Variant Health Care \(2012\)](#)^{xii}

American Public Health Association

[The Need for Acknowledging Transgender\[ed\] Individuals within Research and Clinical Practice \(1999\)](#)^{xiii}

World Professional Association for Transgender Health

[Clarification on Medical Necessity of Treatment, Sex Reassignment, and Insurance Coverage in the U.S.A. \(2008\)](#)^{xiv}

[Endocrine Treatment of Transsexual Persons: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline \(2009\)](#)^{xv}

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