



# Trans Health Project

*Working for Transgender Equal Rights*

## American Academy of Physician Assistants

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### About the organization:

Founded in 1968, the American Academy of Physician Assistants is the national professional society for PAs. It represents a profession of more than 140,000 PAs across all medical and surgical specialties in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and the uniformed services.

### Statements:

- [Letter Opposing Changes to Section 1557 Regulation](#)

All the undersigned associations have adopted policies or otherwise support addressing the specific health concerns of LGBTQ people, including opposition to discrimination in health care and insurance coverage based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. As part of that commitment, our organizations support public and private health insurance coverage for treatment of gender dysphoria when medically necessary.

Date: 2019

- [Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the PA Profession](#)

PAs should not discriminate against classes or categories of patients in the delivery of needed healthcare. Such classes and categories include gender, color, creed, race, religion, age, ethnic or national origin, political beliefs, nature of illness, disability, socioeconomic status, physical stature, body size, **gender identity**, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Date: 2018

- [Amicus Brief to Call for VA Support of Surgical Treatment for Transgender Veterans with Gender Dysphoria](#)

The [Lesbian Bisexual Gay & Transgender PA \(LBGT PA\) Caucus](#) joined an amicus brief in *Fulcher v. Secretary of Veterans Affairs*, which challenged the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' refusal to engage in rulemaking to reconsider its ban on providing transgender-related surgery to veterans.

Date: 2017

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