



# Trans Health Project

*Working for Transgender Equal Rights*

## American Medical Association

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### About the organization:

The American Medical Association, the largest association of physicians and medical students in the United States, articulates in H-185.950 that an "established body of medical research" shows both the medical effectiveness and necessity of "mental health care, hormone therapy, and sex reassignment surgery" in treating gender dysphoria. The AMA has resolved "[t]hat our American Medical Association support public and private health insurance coverage for treatment of gender identity disorder as recommended by the patient's physician."

### Statements:

- [Clarification of Evidence-Based Gender-Affirming Care](#)

The AMA:

- Recognizes that treatments for gender dysphoria and gender incongruence are medically necessary
- Will work with stakeholders to advocate for laws and policies that protect access to care, oppose laws and policies that impede the provision of care, support protections against liability for physicians and institutions who provide care and patients who seek it, and communicate about the importance of gender-affirming care
- Will advocate for coverage of gender-affirming care by public and private health insurer

Date: 2023

- [AMA opposes effort to allow discrimination against patients](#)

"This proposal marks the rare occasion in which a federal agency seeks to remove civil rights protections. It legitimizes unequal treatment of patients by not only providers, health care organizations, and insurers, but also by the government itself—and it will harm patients. Such policy should not be permitted by the U.S. government, let alone proposed by it."

Date: June 12, 2020

- [AMA statement on U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Title VII cases](#)

"As physicians, and as leaders in medicine, we believe that LGBTQ+ individuals must be protected from workplace discrimination in order to prevent negative health outcomes. The AMA supports everyone's access to quality, evidence-based health care regardless of gender or sexual orientation, and will continue to work diligently at the state and federal levels to expand access to medical services, reduce stigma in treating patients with unique needs and break down discriminatory barriers to care."

Date: June 15, 2020

- [Transgender prisoners have fundamental right to appropriate care](#)

"Prisoners have a fundamental right to access necessary and effective medical care, and that includes the full range of treatments for gender dysphoria. So argues a strongly worded friend-of-the-court brief filed by the AMA and other medical and mental health professional organizations."

Date: May 2019

- [Health Insurance Coverage for Gender-Affirming Care of Transgender Patients](#)

"The AMA opposes any discrimination based on an individual's sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, opposes the denial of health insurance on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and supports public and private health insurance coverage for treatment of gender dysphoria as recommended by the patient's physician."

Date: 2019

- [Removing Financial Barriers to Care for Transgender Patients H-185.950](#)

"Our AMA supports public and private health insurance coverage for treatment of gender dysphoria as recommended by the patient's physician."

Date: 2016

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