



Trans Health Project

Working for Transgender Equal Rights

National Association of Social Workers

About the organization:

Founded in 1955, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with more than 120,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

Statements:

- [Transgender and Gender Identity Issues](#)

National Association of Social Workers, *Transgender and Gender Identity Issues*, in *Social Work Speaks: National Association of Social Workers Policy Statements 2009-2012*, 347 (8th ed. 2009).

NASW "supports the rights of all individuals to receive health insurance and other health coverage without discrimination on the basis of gender identity, and specifically without exclusion of services related to transgender or transsexual transition (or sex change), to receive medical and mental health services through their primary care physician and the appropriate referrals to medical specialists, which may include hormone replacement therapy, surgical interventions, prosthetic devices, and other medical procedures."

Note: the current version can be found in [Social Work Speaks: National Association of Social Workers Policy Statements 2018–2020](#) (11th ed. 2018).

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