



# Trans Health Project

*Working for Transgender Equal Rights*

## Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine

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### About the organization:

Founded in 1968, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) is a multidisciplinary organization committed to improving the physical and psychosocial health and well-being of all adolescents through advocacy, clinical care, health promotion, health service delivery, professional development and research.

### Statements:

- [AAP SAHM Comments on Nondiscrimination in Health and Health Education Programs or Activities](#)

SAHM opposed the repeal of transgender-specific protections under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act noting: "The proposal would also eliminate the provision that prohibits a health plan from categorically or automatically excluding or limiting coverage for health services related to gender transition. The rollback of these protections could have a devastating impact on access to medically necessary services for youth who identify as TGD [transgender and gender diverse] and adversely affect self-esteem and contribute to the perception that they are undervalued by society and the health care system. Furthermore, insurance denials can reinforce a socioeconomic divide between those who can finance the high costs of uncovered care and those who cannot."

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