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Healthcare Laws and Policies: Medicaid Coverage for Transition-Related Care

No updates required since October 20, 2020

Alabama

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Alaska

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [7 AAC 110.405 Physician services coverage and limitations \(since 2010\)](#)
- A 2019 [lawsuit](#) challenging this policy is currently under review

Arizona

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [9 AAC R9-22-205.B \(since at least 2004\)](#)

Arkansas

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

California

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [DHCS All Plan Letter 13-011](#) (2013) and [DHCS All Plan Letter 16-013](#) (2016). See also California Superior Court Case No. 00CS00954, Doe v. Bonta, (January 29, 2001).

Colorado

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [10 CCR 2505-10 8.700](#) (2017).

Connecticut

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Provider Policies and Procedures](#) (2015).

Delaware

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Practitioner Provider Specific Policy Manual](#) (2018).

District of Columbia

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Non-Discrimination Publication](#) (2014). See also [Policy OD-001-17](#) (2016).



Florida

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Georgia

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [State Plan](#) (p1c; since 1992).

Hawaii

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transgender health coverage and care
- See [HB 2084](#) (2016), banning gender identity discrimination in health insurance.

Idaho

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Illinois

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [IDHFS announcement](#) (2019).

Indiana

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Iowa

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care
- Iowa is coded in this category because of the following recent events. In March 2019, the [Iowa](#) Supreme Court ruled that the state's previous exclusion of transgender health coverage (see [441 IAC 78.1\(249A\)](#)) violated the state's civil rights law, and therefore was illegal. The decision found that gender-affirming health care is medically necessary and therefore may not be excluded. However, in May 2019, the Iowa governor signed into law a bill ([HF 766](#)) that allows Medicaid and other state-funded health care providers to choose not to cover transgender-related care. As a result, the current ability of transgender Iowans to access gender-affirming care through Medicaid is uncertain, and advocates are pursuing clarification (and access to care) through the court system.

Kansas

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Kentucky

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care



Louisiana

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Maine

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- State policy formerly explicitly excluded transgender health coverage and care, but a [June 2019 emergency ruling](#) from the state's Department of Health and Human Services eliminated this exclusion. By [September 2019](#), the state's Benefits Manual explicitly included transgender related care.

Maryland

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [PT 37-16](#) (2016).

Massachusetts

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [MassHealth Guidelines](#) (2015).

Michigan

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Michigan Provider Manual](#) (pg.15, Section 5 – Nondiscrimination) (2019)

Minnesota

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Minnesota Provider Manual](#) (2017 guidance, brought about by 2016 judicial decision (OutFront Minnesota v. Piper)).

Mississippi

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Missouri

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [State of Missouri Physician Manual](#) (pgs. 226-27) (2017, reissued 2019).

Montana

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- [Montana Healthcare Programs Notice](#), May 26, 2017.



Nebraska

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [471 NAC 10-004](#) (pg. 207; since 1990).

Nevada

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Web Announcement 1532](#) (2018).

New Hampshire

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [NH Medicaid Care Management Program Member Handbook](#) (p56; 2019)
- State formerly explicitly excluded transition-related care (see [New Hampshire Medicaid Services \(Form 77L\)](#) (2017)). Ban lifted in Oct 2017.

New Jersey

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [P.L. 2017, Chapter 176](#) (2017).

New Mexico

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

New York

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [18 NYCRR 505.2](#) (2016).

North Carolina

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

North Dakota

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Ohio

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [OH OAC 5160-2-03](#) (2017; [since 2015](#)).

Oklahoma

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care



Oregon

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [OHP Handbook](#) (since 2014, effective 2015).

Pennsylvania

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Medical Assistance Bulletin 99-16-11](#) (2016).

Rhode Island

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Gender Dysphoria/Gender Nonconformity Coverage Guidelines](#) (2015).

South Carolina

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

South Dakota

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Tennessee

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care.
- See [TennCare Medicaid Exclusions](#) (pg. 85) ([since 2006](#)).

Texas

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [Texas Medicaid Provider Manual](#) (since at least 2019)

Utah

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Vermont

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [Department of Vermont Health Access Medical Policy](#) (since 2008; updated multiple times, most recently 2016).

Virginia

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care

Washington

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- See [WAC 182-531-1675 Washington Apple Health](#) (2015).



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West Virginia

- State Medicaid has no explicit policy regarding transgender health coverage and care
- See [West Virginia Medicaid Provider Manual, Ch 100 \(since at least 2005\)](#)

Wisconsin

- State Medicaid policy explicitly covers transition-related health care
- Explicitly excluded in 1996 (see [DHS 107.03](#)), until 2019 ruling ([Flack v. Wisconsin Department of Health](#)) overturning the exclusions and requiring the state to publish a coverage policy for these services.

Wyoming

- State Medicaid policy explicitly excludes transgender health coverage and care
- See [Medicaid Handbook](#) (pg. 17) (since at least 1992; last updated 2016).

U.S. Territories

Of the five populated U.S. territories, only Puerto Rico was identified as having regulations regarding Medicaid coverage of transition-related care.

Puerto Rico

- In 2020, the Governor's Advisory Council on LGBT Issues and PR's Health Insurance Administration [issued a statement](#) confirming that transition-related care is covered under state's Medicaid program.
- In 2018, the health department issued an [administrative order](#) prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity by health care providers affiliated with state department of health. In Puerto Rico's contract with [Triple-S Salud, Inc. to provide Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program](#), there are explicit prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, including prohibiting the "use of any policy or practice that has the effect of discriminating on the basis of... sexual orientation, gender identity..."

MAP has tracked state Medicaid policies since at least 2017. MAP recently relied on the following report for additional research, verification, and updating. Thank you to these authors:

Christy Mallory and William Tentindo. October 2019. [Medicaid Coverage for Gender-Affirming Care](#). Los Angeles, CA: The Williams Institute.