



## **FLORIDA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OPPOSES THE BAN ON MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TRANS-AFFIRMING CARE FOR TRANSGENDER YOUTH**

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The Florida Psychological Association (FPA) previously aligned with the American Psychological Association (APA) and World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), the United States Professional Association for Transgender Health (USPATH), the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2022 when the Florida Department of Health issued a statement based on inaccurate and misinterpreted research.

FPA endorses the WPATH/USPATH condemnation of Florida's Department of Health move to discriminate against life-saving care for transgender youth. We will continue to stand united in solidarity with the transgender and nonbinary community. Limiting access to care and taking away parents' rights to seek gender-affirming care for their children and adolescents is dangerous and creates increased risk of suicide and/or other significant mental health challenges.

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#### **Guidelines and Standards of Care:**

WPATH Standards of Care v7

[http://www.wpath.org/site\\_page.cfm?pk\\_association\\_webpage\\_menu=1351&pk\\_association\\_webpage=3926](http://www.wpath.org/site_page.cfm?pk_association_webpage_menu=1351&pk_association_webpage=3926)

UCSF Center for Excellence of Transgender Health <http://www.transhealth.ucsf.edu/>

UCSF Primary Care Protocol for Transgender Patient Care - <http://transhealth.ucsf.edu/trans?page=protocol-00-00>

Endocrine Treatment of Transsexual Persons: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline - file:///C:/Users/Resident.CPANCF/Downloads/Endocrine-Treatment-of-Transsexual-Persons%20(1).pdf

APA Guidelines for Working with Transgender, Gender-Nonconforming People - <http://www.apa.org/practice/guidelines/transgender.pdf>

National LGBT Health Education Center at Fenway Institute <http://www.lgbthealtheducation.org/>

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