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Navigating Gender Affirming Care

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Today's Learning Objectives

- 1. Participants will be able to name two non-medical and three medical options for affirming one's gender.
- 2. Participants will be able to outline the criteria necessary for referral to gender confirmation surgeries.
- 3. Participants will be able to locate up to date information on health insurance coverage and laws on gender diversity nationally.

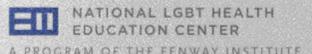
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- Finding Care Providers
- Criteria for Hormone Therapy
- Criteria for Surgeries
- Hair
- Health Care Costs –
 Insurance

Overview





Non-Medical

- Self-Expression
 - Clothing
 - Shoes
 - Body Shape Wear
 - Grooming
 - Name used/changed
 - Pronouns
 - Documents





Medical

- Hormone Therapies
- Masculinizing Surgeries
- Feminizing Surgeries
- Hair Removal/Transplants
- Voice Therapies
- Underground "Clinics"

Finding Health Care Providers





Criteria for Hormone Therapy

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- F64.__ Dx (0,2,8,9) ≠1
- Ability to Consent
- Legal Authority to Consent
- Reasonable Stability



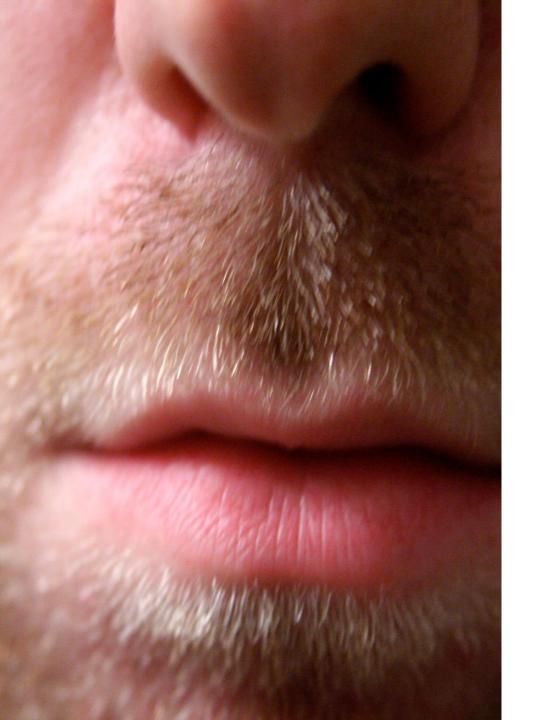
Care Models

Harm
Reduction
Informed
Consent
Treatment
Based



Hormones

- Preferred vs. Recommended
- Formulary vs. Recommended
- Cost vs. Recommended
- Access vs. Recommended
- Vs. Community Tx Advice



Masculnizing*

- Testosterone
 - Injections
 - Patches
 - Gels
 - Implanted Pellets
- PubertySuppression

*Non-binary people may need treatment that is customized or short-term to meet their goals

- Estrogen
 - Injections
 - Pills
 - Patches
- Androgen Blockers
- SERMs*
- Progestogens
- Puberty Suppression

Feminizing*

*Non-binary people may need treatment that is customized or short-term to meet their goals







- Affirming
- Competence
- Access
- Culture of Care
- Bridging

Moving Care





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Able & Age to
Consent
Stable
GAHT
Assessment &
Referral

Criteria for Surgeries

"Top" Surgeries

- Chest Reconstruction
- BreastAugmentation
- Other procedures





"Bottom"/ "Lower" Surgeries

Feminizing

- Orchiectomy
- Vaginoplasty
- Labiaplasty

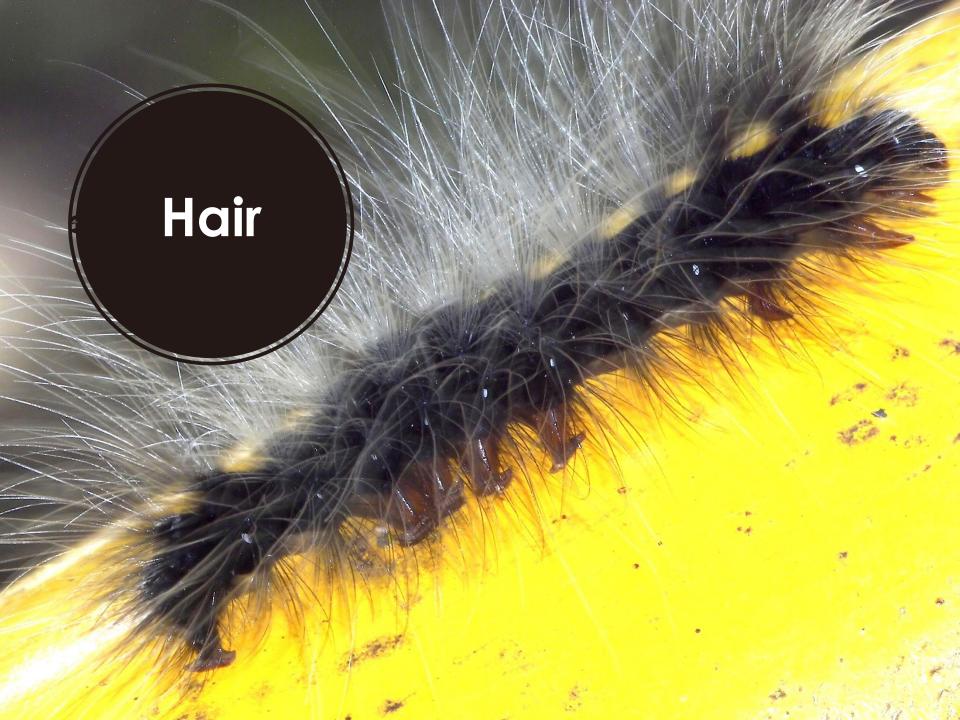
Masculinizing

- TAH-BSO
- Vaginectomy
- Metoidioplasty
- Phalloplasty
- Scrotoplasty

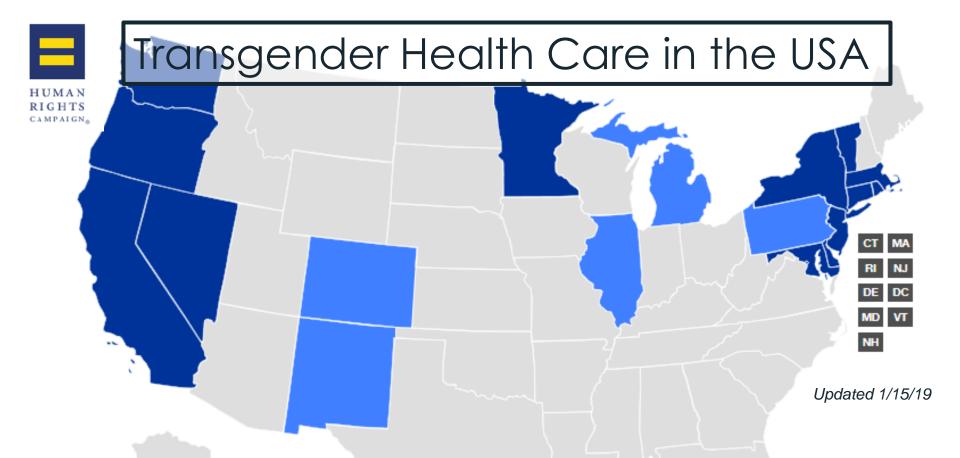
Finding Surgeons

- Insurance Referrals
- Conferences
- ListServes Online
- Care Provider Referrals





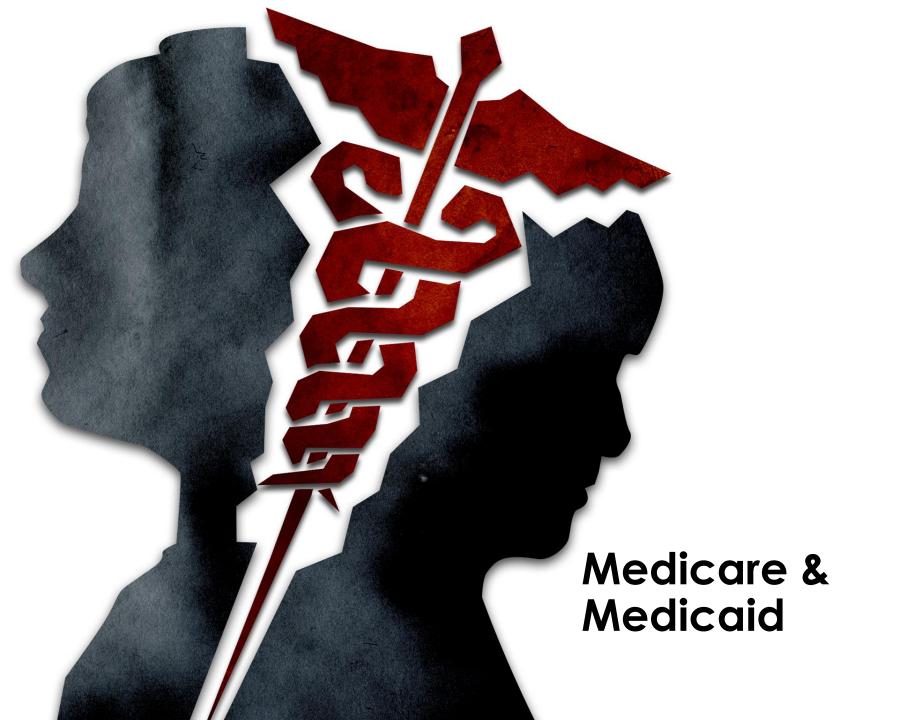


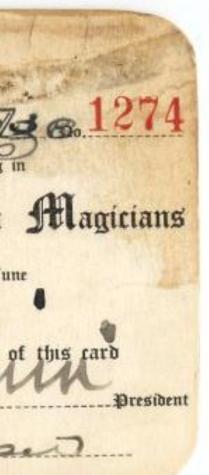


https://www.hrc.org/resources/finding-insurance-for-transgender-related-healthcare

- Bans insurance exclusions for transgender health care (6)
- Bans insurance exclusions and provides transgender-inclusive health benefits for state employees (13 + DC)







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What is Covered?

- Asking the best questions
- Challenging the Denials

Sex Marker & Coverage

- Sex on Insurance
- Care for Organs Present
- Exclusions
- Disclosure & Denials





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