Healthcare Laws and Policies:
Bans on Best Practice Medical Care for Transgender Youth

No updates required since April 9, 2022

Alabama
- State law makes providing such care a felony crime, and requires school officials to out children to parents. This is the first state with both such provisions.

Alabama
- State does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth

Arizona
- Law does not go into effect until March 31, 2023. Law bans gender-affirming surgical care for minors, though it does not ban non-surgical forms of care (e.g., hormone-related medication).

Arkansas

California
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Colorado
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Connecticut
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Delaware
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District of Columbia
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Tennessee
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• *SB126 (2021) prohibits medical providers from providing hormone-related medication to "prepubertal minors" (emphasis added). Best practice medical care for transgender youth can include hormone-related medication, but only once a youth has entered puberty, not prior to it. However, this legislation sets a dangerous precedent for further restrictions of medical care for transgender youth.

Texas
• State does not* ban best practice medical care for transgender youth
• *However, and as reported by Equality Texas, "On February 18th [2022], in the middle of early voting for the Texas primary elections, Attorney General Ken Paxton released a non-binding opinion grossly mischaracterizing medically necessary, best-practice healthcare for transgender children as child abuse. Shortly after, Governor Abbott sent a letter to the Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) directing them to enforce Paxton’s opinion." These actions do not change the law in Texas and are not legally binding (in fact, their very legality is being directly challenged in court), but they have nonetheless caused harm and even initiated investigations into families of transgender children in the state. These investigations are currently halted by a statewide injunction.
• For more information and resources, see the Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT) and Equality Texas.

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**U.S. Territories**

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