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

No updates required since March 17, 2022

Alabama
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Alaska
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Arizona
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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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Hawai`i
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Idaho
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New Hampshire
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Pennsylvania
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Rhode Island
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South Carolina
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South Dakota
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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." While these executive actions are not legally binding and their very legality is being directly challenged in court, these actions have nonetheless caused harm and even initiated investigations into families of transgender children in the state. For more information and resources, see the Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT) and Equality Texas.

Utah

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Vermont

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Virginia

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West Virginia

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Wisconsin

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Wyoming

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U.S. Territories

American Samoa
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