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

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Background

Bans on best-practice medical care represent one of the most extreme and coordinated political attacks on transgender people in recent years. These bills target transgender youth by blocking their access to best-practice medical care, care that is backed by decades of rigorous research and endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and every leading health authority in the country. These bills not only display a fundamental lack of understanding of transgender children, but they also ban access to medical care often by criminalizing the doctors and sometimes even the parents of transgender youth seeking to provide best-practice medicine for children in their care.

Equality Map & Additional Resources

- See our Equality Map: Bans on Best Practice Medical Care for Transgender Youth, which is updated and maintained in real time alongside this document.

- For more on these attacks, including how these bills are becoming more extreme over time and expanding to include transgender adults’ access to health care, read MAP's 2023 spotlight report.

- For more information about “shield” or “refuge” laws that protect transgender people’s access to healthcare, see our Equality Map: Transgender Healthcare “Shield” Laws (updated and maintained in real time) and its corresponding citation sheet, which contains additional state-by-state information, links, and analysis.
## Summary Tables

### Table 1: Legislation/Regulations and Exceptions

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<td><strong>States with no bans or restrictions</strong></td>
<td>28 states, D.C., and 5 territories</td>
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“Grandfather” exceptions refer to those that allow minors currently receiving prescriptions to continue that care, typically (though not always) so long as that prescription begins before the effective date of the bill.

“Weaning” exceptions refer to those that allow minors currently receiving prescriptions to continue that care, but only for a limited amount of time with the expectation they will “wean off” the prescribed medication.
Table 2: Enactment vs. Effective Dates, Age Applicability, and Lawsuits

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<td>30 days later</td>
<td>&lt;19</td>
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<td>Ban in effect. Ban on medication was temporarily blocked by court order, but this was overturned on Aug 21, 2023.</td>
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<td>March 30, 2022</td>
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<td>ACLU of Arizona and NCLR have stated they will sue</td>
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<td>April 6, 2021 (overriding governor’s veto)</td>
<td>90 days after legislature adjourned</td>
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<td>Brandt et al v. Rutledge et al (2021)</td>
<td>Permanently blocked as of June 2023, though the state is appealing the ruling.</td>
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<td>Florida</td>
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<td>Doe v. Ladapo (2023)</td>
<td>Temporarily blocked by court order</td>
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<td>K.C. et al v. Individual Members of the Medical Licensing Board et al (2023)</td>
<td>Temporarily blocked by court order. Block applies to ban on medication and “aiding and abetting,” but not ban on surgical care.</td>
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<td>Doe v. Thornbury (2023), with statement of interest from federal Dept of Justice</td>
<td>Ban in effect. Ban was temporarily blocked by court order, but this was overturned on July 14, 2023. LGBTQ advocates are assessing next steps.</td>
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<td>August 28, 2023</td>
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<td>Nae v. Parson (2023)</td>
<td>--Filed -- A related lawsuit, Southampton Community Healthcare et al. v. Bailey (2023), earned a temporary block on the attorney general's earlier attempted ban, which he then terminated.</td>
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<td>Poe et al. v. Drummond et al (2023)</td>
<td>State’s attorney general has signed a binding agreement to not enforce the law during the ongoing lawsuit.</td>
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<td>L.W. et al. v. Skrmetti et al (2023), joined by federal Department of Justice</td>
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Chronology

Order of Laws
(by date of governor signature, veto override, or administrative filing; not by effective date)

2021 (1 this year)
1. Arkansas – HB1570 – April 6, 2021 (overriding governor veto)

2022 (2 new states this year)
2. Arizona – SB1138 – March 30, 2022
3. Alabama – SB184 – April 8, 2022

2023 (19 new states this year)
5. South Dakota – HB1080 – February 14, 2023
6. Florida – Administrative Code 64B8-9.019 – February 24, 2023
7. Mississippi – HB1125 – February 28, 2023
8. Tennessee – SB1/HB1 – March 2, 2023
9. Iowa – SF538 – March 22, 2023
10. Georgia – SB140 – March 23, 2023
11. Kentucky – SB150 – March 29, 2023 (overriding governor veto)
13. Idaho – HB71 – April 4, 2023
14. Indiana – SB480 – April 5, 2023
16. North Dakota – HB1254 – April 19, 2023
17. Montana – SB99 – April 28, 2023
18. Oklahoma – SB613 – May 1, 2023
19. Nebraska – LB574 – May 22, 2023
20. Texas – SB14 – June 2, 2023
22. North Carolina – H808 – August 16, 2023 (overriding governor veto)

Order of Governor Vetoes
1. Arkansas – HB1570 – April 5, 2021 (later overridden)
2. Kentucky – SB150 – March 24, 2023 (later overridden) (read veto statement here)
3. Kansas – SB26 – April 20, 2023 (read veto statement here)

Note: the Montana governor initially issued an “amendatory veto,” meaning he would sign the bill if the legislature approved his suggested amendments. The legislature did so, and the revised bill became law.
State-by-State Sources & More Detail

Alabama
- State bans best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <19). See SB184/HB266/Public Act 2022-289 (April 2022; effective 30 days later).
  - This law defines minor as “The same meaning as in Section 43-8-1, Code of Alabama 1975.” That section of Alabama code defines minor as individuals under the age of 19.
  - 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.
- Lawsuit status: See Boe v. Marshall, joined by the federal Justice Department, and see also Walker et al v. Marshall et al.
  - April 2022: lawsuit filed.
  - May 2022: a federal judge temporarily blocked the part of the state's law that bans medication for transgender youth, though the rest of the law remained in effect, including the ban on surgical care, felony punishment, and provisions that require school staff to tell parents if a child expresses thoughts that they might be transgender.
  - Aug 2023: the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the temporary injunction, allowing the full ban to go into effect for now. The case is still ongoing.

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

Arizona
  - Law bans gender-affirming surgical care for minors, though it does not ban non-surgical forms of care (e.g., hormone-related medication).

Arkansas
  - *In June 2023, a federal judge permanently blocked the ban, ruling the law unconstitutional. However, the state is appealing this ruling. The permanent block builds on an earlier temporary block (July 2021) that prevented the law from going into effect. See Brandt et al v. Rutledge et al (filed May 2021).
  - See also SB199/Act 271 (March 2023). This law is not a ban on medical care, but it does create obstacles and deterrents to care, including by allowing lawsuits against medical providers of gender-affirming care and encouraging burdensome obstacles to care that do not reflect best practice medical standards.

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

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

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

District of Columbia
- State does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth

Florida
- State bans* best practice medical care for transgender youth
  - See [FL Administrative Code 64B8-9.019](#) (filed February 24, 2023; effective March 16, 2023).
    - Rule allows exception for minors who were “being treated with puberty blocking, hormone, or hormone antagonist therapies prior to the effective date of this rule” (March 16, 2023) to continue that medical care.
    - In March 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging this ban. See [Doe v. Ladapo](#).
  - See also [S254](#) (May 2023).
    - Law also makes providing such care a felony crime.
    - Law also bans state funds from covering best practice medical care for any transgender people, regardless of age.
    - Law also places obstacles to accessing healthcare for transgender adults, including the requirement that best-practice medical care only be provided by physicians—excluding other medical professionals such as nurse practitioners or physician assistants—thereby reducing the number of available providers of medically necessary care to transgender adults.
    - In May 2023, the existing lawsuit [Doe v. Ladapo](#) against the state’s administrative ban was amended to include this new legislative ban on youth care, though not yet the parts of the ban restricting adult access to care.
    - In July 2023, the existing lawsuit was amended to include the provisions restricting adult access to care.
  - *On June 6, 2023, a federal judge temporarily blocked the state's ban on medication, but not on surgical care. See [Koe et al. v. Noggler](#) (filed June 2023).

Georgia
  - Law allows exception for minors who are, prior to July 1, 2023, receiving “hormone replacement therapies” (undefined) to continue receiving that medical care.
- *In August 2023, a federal judge temporarily blocked the state’s ban on medication, but not on surgical care. See [Koe et al. v. Noggler](#) (filed June 2023).
Hawai‘i
- State does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth

Idaho
  - Law also makes providing such care a felony crime.
- In May 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging this ban. See Poe v. Labrador.

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

Indiana
  - Law also bans any health care professional from “conduct that aids or abets” the provision of best practice medical care for transgender youth.
  - Law includes a “weaning off” clause that allows minors receiving prescription/medication prior to effective date to continue that care, but only through 12/31/23. See Section 13(d), page 5.
- *In June 2023, a federal judge temporarily blocked the parts of the state's law that ban medication for transgender youth and “aiding and abetting” the provision of this medically necessary health care. The rest of the law went into effect July 1, 2023. See K.C. et al. v. Individual Members of the Medical Licensing Board et al (filed April 2023).

Iowa
- State bans best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <18). See SF538 (March 2023, effective immediately).
  - Law also bans any health care professional from “conduct that aids or abets” the provision of best practice medical care for transgender youth.

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

- State bans best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <18). See SB150 (March 2023; effective June 29, 2023, 90 days after legislature adjourned).
  - Law includes a “weaning off” clause that allows minors receiving prescription/medication prior to effective date to continue that care, but only for an unspecified period of time with the explicit goal of “systematically reduc[ing]” the medication. See Section 4(6), page 9.
- Lawsuit status: See Doe v. Thornbury.
  - May 2023: lawsuit filed.
  - June 28, 2023: a federal judge temporarily blocked the state’s ban from going into effect.
  - July 8, 2023: the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals lifted the temporary block of Tennessee’s ban. While the KY case was not affected by this decision, KY is also in the 6th Circuit.
  - July 14, 2023: the federal judge in KY’s case ruled that the 6th Circuit’s decision means the temporary block on KY’s law should be overturned. This means the state’s ban is in effect for now.

Louisiana

  - Law includes a “weaning off” clause that allows minors receiving prescription/medication prior to effective date to continue that care, but only until December 31, 2024.

Maine

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

Maryland

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

Massachusetts

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

Michigan

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

Minnesota

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

- State bans best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <18). See HB1125 (Feb 2023, effective immediately).
  - Law also bans the use of public funds for any provision of best practice medical care for transgender youth, and bans any person from “conduct that aids or abets” the provision of best practice medical care. This extends the scope of the ban from doctors and medical providers to parents and any other individual who might help or participate in getting a transgender minor access to best practice medicine. This is the first state ban on transgender youth medical care that includes the “aids or abets” language.

Missouri

- State bans best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <18). See SB49 (June 2023, effective August 28, 2023, but expires in four years on August 28, 2027).
  - Law also bans state funds from covering best practice medical care for any transgender people, regardless of age, specifically in the Medicaid program, and bans gender-affirming surgical care for anyone incarcerated by the state of Missouri.
- In July 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging this ban. See Noe v. Parson.
- Previously, state effectively banned best practice medical care for all transgender people, regardless of age, though the ban never went into effect. See “Emergency Rule” 15 CSR 60-17.010 (issued April 13, 2023; intended to go into effect April 27, 2023 with expiration of February 6, 2024; rule terminated by attorney general on May 16, 2023).
  - The rule was initially set to go into effect April 27, 2023.
  - In April 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging the ban. See Southampton Community Healthcare v. Bailey. This case earned a temporary block on the law, delaying the effective date to at least July 24, 2023, with a further injunction possible at that time.
  - On May 16, 2023, the state’s attorney general filed to withdraw/terminate the emergency rule as a result of the legislative ban passed by the legislature.
  - While the regulation was presented as allowing medical care if patients/providers meet certain requirements, these requirements were extraordinarily burdensome if not effectively impossible to meet.

Montana

  - Law also says “state property, facilities, or buildings may not be knowingly used to promote or advocate the use of social transitioning or the medical treatments prohibited” by this law. See Section 4(7). This is the first state to issue any sort of restrictions targeting social transition.
- In May 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging this ban. See van Garderen v. State of Montana.
Nebraska
  - Law allows those with hormone prescriptions prior to the effective date of the bill (October 1, 2023) to continue those prescriptions.
  - If/when the law goes into effect, it explicitly bans surgical care for those <19, and bans new prescription medications for those <19 unless the individual can meet requirements to be determined by the state’s chief medical officer. The bill specifies these requirements must address numerous elements, including but not limited to a minimum number of hours in therapy, a required waiting period, and other items likely to create significant obstacles to this medically necessary care.
- In May 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging this ban. See Planned Parenthood of the Heartland v. Hilgers.

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

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

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

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

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

North Carolina
  - Law allows exception for minors who were, prior to August 1, 2023, receiving medication to continue receiving that medical care.

North Dakota
- State bans best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <18, including emancipated minors). See HB1254 (April 2023, effective immediately).
  - Law also makes providing surgical care a felony crime, and providing medication a misdemeanor crime.
  - Law allows exception for minors who are, prior to April 19, 2023, receiving medication to continue receiving that medical care.
Ohio
- State does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth

Oklahoma
- State bans* best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <18). See SB613 (May 2023, effective immediately).
  - Law also makes providing such care a felony crime.
  - Law allows minors who have a hormone prescription prior to the effective date of the bill (May 1, 2023) to continue that prescription but only for six months, “solely for the purpose of assisting the minor with gradually decreasing and discontinuing the use of the drugs or hormones.”
- *On May 18, 2023, the state’s attorney general signed a binding agreement to not enforce the state’s ban pending further legal challenge. This was a development of the ongoing lawsuit filed challenging the state’s ban, Poe et al. v. Drummond et al (May 2023).
- Previously, SB3 (Oct 2022) provided over $108 million in federal COVID-relief funding to the University of Oklahoma medical system, with the requirement that the system stop providing best practice medical care for transgender youth. The medical system agreed to this requirement. This did not ban best practice medical care statewide, but did reflect a clear effort to limit access to this medically necessary care.

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

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

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

South Carolina
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South Dakota
  - Law allows minors who have a hormone prescription prior to July 1, 2023, to continue that prescription but only through Dec 31, 2023. Medical providers are expected to “systematically reduce” the prescription over that time period.
Tennessee

  - Law also bans “a person” (i.e., not only medical providers) from providing hormones or puberty blocking medication to minors, and further specifically bans medical providers out of state from providing care via telehealth to minors in the state.
  - Law allows minors who have a hormone prescription prior to the effective date of the bill (July 1, 2023) to continue that prescription but only until March 31, 2024.
- Lawsuit status: See L.W. et al. v. Skrmetti et al (filed April 2023)
  - April 2023: lawsuit filed.
  - June 2023: a federal judge temporarily blocked the state’s ban on medication, but not on surgical care.
  - July 2023: the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals lifted the temporary block, allowing the state’s full ban to go into effect immediately. LGBTQ advocates are assessing next steps.
- Previously, SB126 (2021) prohibited medical providers from providing hormone-related medication to “prepubertal minors” (emphasis added). Best practice medical care for transgender youth can (though does not always) include hormone-related medication, but only once a youth has entered puberty, not prior to it. In other words, this law banned something that did not happen, but it set a dangerous precedent for further restrictions of medical care for transgender youth.

Texas

  - Law allows minors who have a hormone prescription prior to June 1, 2023, to continue that prescription but only over a limited amount of time (unspecified) with the expectation they will “wean off” the prescription.
- In July 2023, a lawsuit was filed challenging this ban. See Loe v. Texas.
- Previously, 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 did 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 were temporarily halted by a statewide injunction, until a Texas Supreme Court ruling in May 2022 ended that injunction. However, the Texas Supreme Court also ruled that the governor had no authority to order such investigations. For more information and resources, see the Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT) and Equality Texas.
Utah

- State bans best practice medical care for transgender youth (ages <18). See SB16 (Jan 2023, effective immediately).
  - This law provides a limited exception for hormone treatment for youth who were “diagnosed with gender dysphoria” prior to the bill’s passage, but the law also allows individuals to later retroactively revoke their consent.

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Virginia

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Washington

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West Virginia

  - Law allows limited exception for minors to receive hormone medication under a burdensome set of conditions, but this exception does exist. Requirements include an official diagnosis of “severe gender dysphoria” from at least two medical providers, one of whom must be a mental health provider or adolescent medicine specialist, and both with “relevant training.” The conditions also require that the medication is “limited to the lowest titratable dosage necessary to treat the psychiatric condition and not for purposes of gender transition,” among other requirements/conditions on such care.

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