

Gender Affirming Services Expansion Stakeholder Meeting

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Purpose

- Share proposed policy changes to expand gender affirming services
- Receive stakeholder feedback to help inform and refine the final gender affirming services policy
- Answer policy questions

Agenda

- Meeting Overview (12:00 p.m.)
- Gender Affirming Services Expansion Overview (12:05 p.m.)
- Stakeholder Questions and Feedback (12:25 p.m.)
- Next Steps (1:55 p.m.)

Department's Role

- Keep the meeting on track with time and scope
- Provide policy and program information related to the process
- Answer questions

Meeting Etiquette

- Honor the agenda
- Stay solution and scope focused
- Direct policy questions to the Department policy experts
- Identify yourself before speaking
- Honor and respect everyone

We Commit to Stakeholders

The Department will:

- Thoroughly and thoughtfully evaluate all questions and feedback.
- Identify what feedback can be incorporated now or potentially in the future.
- Transparently communicate the outcomes of feedback and questions.
- Refer individuals to appropriate Department resources for out-of-scope topics.

Electrolysis Access

Current Policy

Evidence-based Reviews

- Literature review
- Other states' Medicaid coverage and policies
- Medicare coverage and policies
- Private insurance coverage and policies
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care (Version 7, 2012)
- Endocrine Society guidelines
- Pediatric association guidelines

Services

- **Hormone Therapy**
 - Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone (GnRH) Therapy
 - Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy
- **Permanent Hair Removal**
 - Used to treat a surgical site
- **Surgery**

Services

Surgical Procedures

- Ovariectomy/oophorectomy
- Salpingo-oophorectomy
- Hysterectomy
- Vaginectomy
- Vulvectomy
- Metoidioplasty
- Phalloplasty
- Erectile prosthesis
- Scrotoplasty
- Testicular prostheses
- Urethroplasty
- Orchiectomy
- Penectomy
- Prostatectomy
- Clitoroplasty
- Vaginoplasty
- Vulvoplasty
- Labiaplasty
- Mastectomy
- Mammoplasty*

*with limitation

Coverage Criteria

- Gender dysphoria diagnosis
- Medically necessary as defined in Department rule
- Any contraindicated medical and behavioral health conditions have been addressed and are well-controlled
- Client has given informed consent for the service

Surgery Criteria

- 18 or older
- Lived in the gender role for 12 continuous months
- Completed 12 continuous months of hormone therapy, unless medically contraindicated
 - Mammoplasties require 24 months
- Has been evaluated by both a licensed medical provider and a licensed behavioral health provider within the past 60 days at the time of the surgical consult

Proposed Policy

Evidence-based Reviews

- Literature review
- Other states' Medicaid coverage and policies
- Medicare coverage and policies
- Private insurance coverage and policies
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care (Version 7, 2012)
- Endocrine Society guidelines
- UCSF gender affirming care guidelines
- Colorado Division of Insurance regulations

Additional Gender Affirming Surgeries

- Blepharoplasty
- Brow Lift
- Cheek augmentation
- Forehead contouring
- Genioplasty
- Rhinoplasty
- Rhytidectomy (forehead and cheek, excluding neck)
- Tracheoplasty
- Chondrolaryngoplasty (tracheal shave)



Resources

- Additional resources can be found at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/gender-affirming-services-expansion>

Next Steps

- Thoroughly and thoughtfully evaluate feedback
- Publish a Q&A document with the Department's responses if there are any outstanding questions or comments
- Send a post-engagement survey
- Medical Services Board



Questions?
Comments?



Contact

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Thank you!