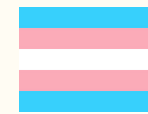
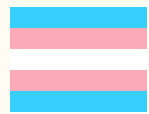




ATTENTION:

**ACCESS TO GENDER-
AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE
FOR TRANSGENDER
MINORS IN FLORIDA IS
UNDER ATTACK**



**NOTE: This is the third iteration of this guide!
Updated February 5, 2023 in advance of the Joint Public
Hearing on Feb. 10, 2023.**

**(1) You have one more day to submit your comment in
opposition to the Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic
Medicine Proposed Rules. The public comment period
closes Tuesday, February 7, 2023!**

**(2) NOTE: the email address changed for submission of the
comments: BOMPublicComment@flhealth.gov**



WHAT?

- **THE FLORIDA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE PUBLISHED **PROPOSED RULES** TO ESTABLISH A NEW "STANDARD OF CARE" FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA IN MINORS.**
- **THESE PROPOSED RULES WOULD **RESTRICT DOCTORS' ABILITY TO PROVIDE MEDICALLY NECESSARY GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE TO TRANSGENDER MINORS** IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.**

- **KEEP SCROLLING TO READ THE PROPOSED RULES THEMSELVES**



[BOARD OF MEDICINE](#)



[BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE](#)

FLORIDA BOARD OF MEDICINE PROPOSED RULE 64B8-9.019, "STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA IN MINORS:" (GOVERNING M.D.'S)

(1) THE FOLLOWING THERAPIES AND PROCEDURES PERFORMED FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA IN MINORS ARE PROHIBITED.

(A) SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERIES, OR ANY OTHER SURGICAL PROCEDURES, THAT ALTER PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SEXUAL CHARACTERISTICS.

(B) PUBERTY BLOCKING, HORMONE, AND HORMONE ANTAGONIST THERAPIES.

(2) MINORS BEING TREATED WITH PUBERTY BLOCKING, HORMONE, OR HORMONE ANTAGONIST THERAPIES PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE MAY CONTINUE WITH SUCH THERAPIES.

**FL BOARD OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
LANGUAGE**

FLORIDA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE PROPOSED RULE 64B15-14.014, "STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA IN MINORS:" (GOVERNING D.O.'S)

(1) THE FOLLOWING THERAPIES AND PROCEDURES PERFORMED FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA IN MINORS ARE PROHIBITED.

(A) SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERIES, OR ANY OTHER SURGICAL PROCEDURES, THAT ALTER PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SEXUAL CHARACTERISTICS.

(B) PUBERTY BLOCKING, HORMONE, AND HORMONE ANTAGONIST THERAPIES.

(2) NONSURGICAL TREATMENTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA IN MINORS MAY CONTINUE TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) APPROVED, INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED CLINICAL TRIALS CONDUCTED AT ANY OF THE FLORIDA MEDICAL SCHOOLS SET FORTH IN SECTION 458.3145(1)(I), FLORIDA STATUTES. SUCH CLINICAL TRIALS MUST INCLUDE LONG TERM LONGITUDINAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE PATIENTS' PHYSIOLOGIC AND PSYCHOLOGIC OUTCOMES.

(3) MINORS BEING TREATED WITH PUBERTY BLOCKING, HORMONE, OR HORMONE ANTAGONIST THERAPIES PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE MAY CONTINUE WITH SUCH THERAPIES.

Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF MEDICINE

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
64B8-9.019 Standards of Practice for the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors

The Florida Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine announce a joint rule hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 10, 2023, 1:00 p.m. EST or soon thereafter and ending no later than 5:00 p.m. EST.

PLACE: Department of Transportation Auditorium, Burns Building, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine will conduct a joint rule hearing relating to the standards of practice for the treatment of gender dysphoria in minors. A copy of the agenda and information regarding cancellation or changes to the meeting time or location may be obtained on the Board's website at <https://flboardofmedicine.gov/meeting-information> or by calling the Board office at (850) 245-4131.

Any person who wants to make public comments at the rule hearing must notify Board staff in writing. Speaker cards will be available at the rule hearing for this purpose. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per person. This time will not include time spent by the public commenter responding to questions imposed by Board members, staff, or board counsel. If a group or faction of persons consisting of five or more persons wishes to address the Boards, please identify one individual who will speak on behalf of the group. Public commenters may use pseudonyms if they do not wish to identify themselves on the record. All public comments received at the workshop will become part of the rulemaking record.

Written public comments may be submitted to the Boards between the publication of this notice until 5:00 p.m. EST on February 7, 2023. The email address for such submissions is BOMPublicComment@flhealth.gov. All comments received at this email address, including the sender's email address, are public records and will become part of the published rulemaking record.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT TRANS YOUTH IN FLORIDA?

(1) SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE 5PM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023.

(2) ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING IN TALLAHASSEE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023.

(3) SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH US BY

 PURCHASING A CUSTOM "PROTECT TRANS KIDS" SHIRT:

LINK: [HTTPS://LISAKAYDESIGNS.COM/COLLECTIONS/PRIDE/PRODUCTS/PROTECT-TRANS-KIDS-SOUTHERN-LEGAL-T-SHIRT?VARIANT=43710275027161](https://lisakaydesigns.com/collections/pride/products/protect-trans-kids-southern-legal-t-shirt?variant=43710275027161) 



By purchasing one of these amazing shirts, you can:

- (1) support a local small business led by an incredible trans advocate;
- (2) support SLC's work fighting anti-trans discrimination through federal impact litigation and individual advocacy across Florida; and
- (3) demonstrate your support for trans youth at a time when public support has never been more critical!

QUICK FACTS



THE BOARDS: AN OVERVIEW

- The Boards consist of individuals who are appointed by the Governor
- The **Board of Medicine** governs the practice of **M.D.s** (doctors of medicine) in the state of Florida.
- The **Board of Osteopathic Medicine** governs the practice of **D.O.'s** (doctors of osteopathic medicine) in the state of Florida.
- The Boards can promulgate rules to establish **standards of practice and standards of care** (Florida Statutes 458.331(1)(v) & 459.015(1)(z))

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PROPOSED RULES?

- **BOTH rules prohibit** doctors from providing therapies and procedures, including surgical procedures, that are performed for the treatment of gender dysphoria in minors.
- **BOTH rules allow** for any minor who is already being treated with puberty blocking medications or hormone therapies **prior to the effective date of this rule to continue** with such therapies.
- **The Board of Osteopathic Medicine's Proposed Rule (64B15-14.014)** has an **exception where D.O.'s can prescribe blockers or hormones to prospective patients** (i.e. minors who had not yet begun receiving such care prior to the effective date of the rule), as long as the patient is enrolled in an **IRB approved clinical trial** at a Florida medical school.
- **The Board of Medicine's Proposed Rule (64B8-9.019)** does **not contain a similar exception** for M.D.'s.

QUICK FACTS



- **GENDER DYSPHORIA IS A SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITION, THE DIAGNOSIS OF WHICH IS CODIFIED IN THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION'S "DSM-5"**
- **GENDER DYSPHORIA, IF LEFT UNTREATED, MAY RESULT IN DEBILITATING ANXIETY, SEVERE DEPRESSION, SELF-HARM, AND EVEN SUICIDALITY. THE LONGER A PERSON GOES WITHOUT APPROPRIATE TREATMENT FOR GENDER DYSPHORIA, THE GREATER THE RISK OF SEVERE HARM TO THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.**
- **TREATMENT FOR GENDER DYSPHORIA IS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO WELL-ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES, DEVELOPED THROUGH DECADES OF RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PRACTICE. LIKE ALL MEDICAL CARE, TREATMENT FOR GENDER DYSPHORIA IS INDIVIDUALIZED AND BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT.**
- **FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE STUDIED AND CREATED EVIDENCE-BASED STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA. THESE GUIDELINES ARE PUBLISHED BY THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSGENDER HEALTH ("WPATH") AND THE ENDOCRINE SOCIETY, AND ARE SUPPORTED BY EVERY MAJOR MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN OUR COUNTRY.**
- **FOR MINORS WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA, THE PRECISE TREATMENTS ARE DETERMINED BY A TEAM OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PATIENT AND THE PATIENT'S PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.**

**THE STATE SHOULD NOT STAND BETWEEN
DOCTORS, PATIENTS, & PARENTS !**