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23-08 Senate Bill 16 - Transgender Medical Treatments and Procedure Amendments

On January 28, 2023, [Senate Bill 16 Transgender Medical Treatments and Procedures Amendments](#) was signed into law and had an immediate effective date. In accordance with Senate Bill 16, Medicaid coverage policy has been updated to align with and prohibit certain gender dysphoria treatments for patients who are less than 18 years of age. The coverage policies are:

- Effective January 28, 2023
 - The following services are non-covered for patients who are less than 18 years of age:
 - Hormonal transgender treatment including:
 - Puberty Blocker Therapy (Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH)) and
 - Gender Dysphoria Hormone Therapy (cross-sex hormonal transgender treatment)
 - Sex characteristic surgical procedures for the purpose of effectuating a sex change.
 - Exception to this policy:
 - Minors who have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria before January 28, 2023. Minors with the diagnosis prior to January 28th, 2023, may receive treatment with supporting medical documentation from a provider who has been treating the minor for gender dysphoria for at least six months.

- Coverage of these services requires that providers submit:
 - The [Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone \(GnRH\) Prior Authorization](#) form to request coverage of GnRH releasing hormone medications.
 - The [Hormone Therapy for Gender Dysphoria Prior Authorization](#) form to request transgender hormonal treatments for patients less than 18 years of age.

Effective January 1, 2024, providers treating patients less than 18 years of age for gender dysphoria are required to complete and show proof of the Transgender Treatment Certification, which is under development by the Department of Professional Licensing (DOPL).