

Gender Affirming Care and Medicaid Coverage in Maryland



What is Gender Affirming Care?

Gender affirming care is medically needed care that upholds the safety, dignity, and respect of transgender and gender expansive people who need medical care so that their body matches their lived gender.

The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) publishes evidence-based standards for safe and effective gender-affirming health care ([*Standards of Care 8*](#)). These standards represent the most expert, in-depth, and evidence-based and consensus-based guidelines internationally. Gender affirming care is supported by all major medical associations in the US and is protected in Maryland.

What is covered under Maryland Medicaid?

Beginning in 2024 after the passage of the [*Trans Health Equity Act*](#), Maryland Medicaid expanded to cover gender affirming care services, including:

- Hormone therapy and lab testing
- Voice surgery, therapy and lessons
- Hair removal and transplants
- Fertility preservation services
- Facial surgery
- Top and bottom surgery
- Additional gender affirming procedures
- Preventative care after transition
- Revision or reversal of prior gender-affirming procedures

Where can practitioners find more information?

Information about covered services can be found on the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) website ([pdf here](#)).

Maryland Medicaid encourages health professionals across the state, who have knowledge about transgender and gender expansive people and who provide gender-affirming medical and surgical treatments, to enroll as a Medicaid provider.

Information about enrolling as a provider can be found [here](#).

Who to contact

The Maryland Department of Health and the Trans Rights Advocacy Coalition (TRAC) are looking for medical providers who can provide electrolysis or are interested in learning how to provide electrolysis. **Currently, Maryland does not have sufficient electrolysis providers enrolled in Medicaid to meet network adequacy requirements.**

If you are interested in learning more, please contact TRAC at transrightsadvocacycoalition@gmail.com. For more information about Medicaid, visit the [MDH's FAQ page](#).

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