American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Statement Title

Committee Opinion No. 512: Health care for transgender individuals

Committee Opinion No. 685: Care for Transgender Adolescents

Statement Date

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Statement Summary

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the nation's leading group of professionals providing health care for women, notes that "within the medical community, transgender individuals face significant barriers to health care. This includes the failure of most health insurance plans to cover the cost of mental health services, cross-sex hormone therapy, or gender affirmation surgery. This barrier exists despite evidence that such treatments are safe and effective and that cross-gender behavior and gender identity issues are not an issue of choice for the individual and cannot be reversed with psychiatric treatment." The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists "urges public and private health insurance plans to cover the treatment of gender identity disorder."

Full Citation
