Protecting Gender-Affirming Care in Massachusetts

Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell is committed to protecting transgender young people, their families, and their access to healthcare. Gender-affirming care remains legal and protected in Massachusetts, and decisions about medical care belong to patients, families, and healthcare providers.

As the Trump Administration seeks to restrict access to care and threaten providers, AG Campbell and her office will continue to defend the rights of transgender young people, protect their families, and ensure providers can deliver lawful care without fear of retaliation.

How We Are Taking Action

Challenging Federal Attacks on Gender-Affirming Care: AG Campbell has co-led multistate lawsuits challenging the Trump Administration's efforts to restrict access to medically necessary care:

- **Fighting Medicaid Funding Cuts:** AG Campbell has taken legal action to protect federal funding for providers of gender-affirming care for young people, including co-leading an ongoing lawsuit challenging restrictions on Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding. In April 2026, the AGO also secured a court victory blocking a federal declaration threatening to cut hospitals and healthcare providers off from Medicare and Medicaid funding if they continued offering this care.
- **Protecting Health Insurance Coverage:** AG Campbell co-led a lawsuit challenging federal efforts to remove certain gender-affirming treatments from important health insurance protections under the Affordable Care Act. In August 2026, the AGO secured a court victory striking down this restriction.
- **Challenging DOJ Threats Against Providers:** AG Campbell co-led a lawsuit challenging federal directives threatening doctors and hospitals with investigations and prosecution for providing lawful gender-affirming care. The case remains ongoing.

Reaffirming Protections Under Massachusetts Law
In May 2026, AG Campbell issued a legal advisory to healthcare providers across Massachusetts reaffirming that federal law does not prohibit gender-affirming care for minors and Massachusetts law continues to protect access to gender-affirming care.

Defending Patient Privacy and Healthcare Providers: AG Campbell has repeatedly gone to court to support families, hospitals, doctors, and medical organizations facing federal investigations and demands for confidential medical information.

- **Supporting Families and Providers:** AG Campbell co-led a coalition of states supporting families and healthcare providers challenging Trump's executive orders threatening federal funding for hospitals that provide gender-affirming care.
- **Protecting Patient Privacy:** AG Campbell has led and joined legal efforts to stop the Trump Administration from obtaining private medical records of patients receiving gender-affirming care, including at Boston Children's Hospital and hospitals in other states.
- **Defending Medical Experts:** AG Campbell co-led efforts supporting leading medical organizations, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the World Professional Association of Transgender Health and the Endocrine Society, against federal investigations seeking extensive information about their medical guidance and internal operations.

Opposing Federal Restrictions Before They Take Effect
AG Campbell has taken action to challenge proposed federal policies that would limit access to gender-affirming care before they take effect. She has led and joined coalitions of attorneys general in formally opposing proposals that would restrict Medicaid coverage, threaten federal funding for hospitals that provide care to transgender youth, and remove important health insurance protections.

Through these efforts, AG Campbell and her office have emphasized the harmful impact these restrictions could have on patients and families and reaffirmed Massachusetts' commitment to protecting access to lawful, medically necessary healthcare.