

Federal changes to the definition of “sex” do not affect OHP gender transition coverage



Gender identity and sexual orientation were removed from the Affordable Care Act’s nondiscrimination section.

On June 19, 2020, the federal government made changes to the section about discrimination ([Section 1557](#)) in the Affordable Care Act. Gender identity and sexual orientation were removed from the definition of “sex” in the nondiscrimination information.

This change in wording does not affect OHP coverage.

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) covers gender transition services, such as hormone therapy, counseling and some surgeries. These services are still covered. Changes to Section 1557 do not affect your OHP benefits.

[OHP’s nondiscrimination policy](#) says we cannot treat people unfairly in any of our programs or activities because of a person’s:

- Age
- Color
- Disability
- Marital status
- National origin
- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- Gender identity
- Sexual orientation

Get help

To report discrimination, email OHA.PublicCivilRights@dhsoha.state.or.us.

If you have concerns about OHP services, contact the OHA Ombuds Team at 877-642-0450 or OHA.OmbudsOffice@dhsoha.state.or.us. You can also send a secure email by following the link on the [Ombuds Team page](#).

More about OHP & transgender health

OHP respects the health care needs of all members. This includes trans women, trans men, gender nonconforming, two-spirit and non-binary members.

To learn more about OHP gender transition services, [contact your CCO plan](#). If do you not have a CCO plan, call OHP Client Services at 800-273-0557.