



# Trans Health Project

*Working for Transgender Equal Rights*

## American Academy of Nursing

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### About the organization:

The American Academy of Nursing serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The Academy's more than 2,800 fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia.

### Statements:

- [Health Care Services for Transgender Individuals: Position Statement](#)

Carol A. Sedlak & Carol J. Boyd, *Health Care Services for Transgender Individuals: Position Statement*, 64 Nursing Outlook 510-12 (Sept./Oct. 2016).

"The American Academy of Nursing supports initiatives to address the health needs of transgender individuals (TI) and supports policy initiatives that reduce the health care barriers that most TI encounter. There is a great need for the development of strategies and policies to eliminate the health care disparities of approximately 700,000 TI in the United States."

Date: 2016

- [AAN Comments HHS Sec 1557 Nondiscrimination Proposed Rule](#)

The AAN opposed the repeal of transgender-specific protections under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act noting: "The proposed rule would eliminate the definition of sex discrimination from the Section 1557 regulation, inviting insurers to deny treatment to transgender and gender nonconforming patients, including the denial of treatments such as hormone therapy, counseling and surgery that are essential to transgender patients, as they see fit. ... Since the implementation of Section 1557, 18 states have implemented affirmative coverage protocols in their respective Medicaid programs to ensure coverage of medically necessary transition-related care. These coverage improvements and any future progress will be in jeopardy if this rule is finalized as proposed."

Date: 2019

- [Amicus Brief to Call for VA Support of Surgical Treatment for Transgender Veterans with Gender Dysphoria](#)

AAN joined an amicus brief in *Fulcher v. Secretary of Veterans Affairs*, which challenged the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' refusal to engage in rulemaking to reconsider its ban on providing transgender-related surgery to veterans.

Date: 2017

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