

To whom it may concern,

Maryland Medicaid is using a two decades-old list of procedures to deny trans care. This is out of line with best practices recognized nationally and globally, and is discriminatory towards an already vulnerable population. Maryland is behind the times with our outdated policies, and lags behind many other states which are better serving trans people. The lack of adequate trans healthcare in Maryland is costing the state in lots of ways - ER visits and hospitalizations, homelessness and joblessness, and violence against the trans community. It is time to fix this! Expanding Maryland's coverage of trans care supports self determination, bodily autonomy, and the health and wellness of low income Marylanders.

I fully support the expansion of Medicaid to support trans health care, and I hope MD does too by passing the Trans Health Equity Act (SB682/HB746).

Sincerely,

Keith Redwine
1226 S Charles St.
Baltimore, MD 21230