

HHS Denounces ‘Destructive’ Gender-Altering Procedures on Kids

In a striking new report, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has denounced so-called “gender-affirming care,” saying those practices are “destructive” and therefore not an acceptable treatment for pediatric gender dysphoria.

The review titled, “Treatment for Pediatric Gender Dysphoria: Review of Evidence and Best Practices,” analyzes the impact of treatments like puberty blockers, hormones, and gender-altering surgeries.

“Thousands of American children and adolescents have received these interventions,” reads the report.

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“Society has a special responsibility to safeguard the well-being of children. Given that the challenges faced by these patients intersect with deeply contested issues of moral and social significance—including social identity, sex and reproduction, bodily integrity, and sex-based norms of expression and behavior—the medical practices that have recently emerged to address their needs have become a focus of significant controversy,” it continues.

The report notes that these medical interventions on children carry “significant harms including infertility/sterility, sexual dysfunction, impaired bone density accrual, adverse cognitive impacts, cardiovascular disease and metabolic disorders, psychiatric disorders, surgical complications, and regret.”

And while the report admits it is “not a clinical practice guideline” and does not contain legislative or policy recommendations, the document is for “policymakers, clinicians, therapists, medical organizations and, importantly, patients and their families.”

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The new report comes as a result of the “Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation” executive order signed by President Donald Trump in late January.

The order reiterates the administration’s strong position to protect what it considers to be the nation’s most vulnerable – gender-confused minors.

“Across the country today, medical professionals are maiming and sterilizing a growing number of impressionable children under the radical and false claim that adults can change a child’s sex through a series of irreversible medical interventions,” reads the order.

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“It is the policy of the United States that it will not fund, sponsor, promote, assist, or support the so-called ‘transition’ of a child from one sex to another, and it will rigorously enforce all laws that prohibit or limit these destructive and life-altering procedures,” it continues.

The order not only directs federally-run insurance programs to stop funding these procedures but also directs the HHS to issue regulations improving the health of minors with gender dysphoria without blatantly harming them.

“Our duty is to protect our nation’s children – not expose them to unproven and irreversible medical interventions,” said

National Institutes of Health Director Dr. Jay Bhattacharya in a statement. “We must follow the gold standard of science, not activist agendas.”

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