



Governor Mikie Sherrill
State of New Jersey
CC: Commissioner of Human Services Dr. Steven Cha

October 20, 2026

Governor Sherrill,

As a coalition of New Jersey organizations committed to health equity and bodily autonomy, we write to you with great appreciation for your vocal support for LGBTQI+ equity, and specifically for transgender health at a time when the Trump administration has been unrelenting in their attacks on trans youth, their families, and their healthcare providers.

We are urgently requesting your swift and decisive action to continue Medicaid and CHIP coverage of medically-necessary gender affirming care for youth in New Jersey. The Trump Administration's final rule ending federal funding for this care went into effect a week ago on October 13th. And as of that date, trans people on Medicaid and CHIP became ineligible for coverage they rely on — in all but four states whose governors took executive action in advance of that deadline (Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Mexico, and California.)

As the payor for low income families, Medicaid and CHIP's discontinued federal funding for gender affirming care requires families to buy supplemental private insurance to continue their care. That flies in the face of the spirit of the Medicaid and CHIP programs. But there is an easy, legally-sound solution: you have the executive authority, based on existing statutes, to continue this care with 100% state funding. The cost is negligible to the State budget, as the number of transgender youth who are medicaid and CHIP participants in New Jersey is low. But the impact to each individual patient is enormous.

Every additional day when trans youth cannot access the care they need causes direct harm to these youth. You certainly didn't create this problem — the Trump administration's weaponized regulatory process has directly targeted transgender Americans. But you can help solve this problem in New Jersey, and we are requesting your prioritization of this critical issue.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to Lauren Albrecht at Garden State Equality (albrecht@gardenstateequality.org) on behalf of our coalition.

Signed,

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