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AMA Opposes Bills that Ban Transitioning of Youth

Many doctors have ethical or moral objections to helping individuals transition to their preferred identities. In 2009, the Obama administration gutted physician freedom of conscience regulations and later imposed a regulation making it more difficult for doctors to refuse to participate in transitioning.

Our organization, CCHF, submitted comments opposing these regulations, but Obama's team moved forward. In 2020, the Trump administration reversed the transgender rule. Now the Biden administration has ordered every federal agency to prohibit sex discrimination on the basis of gender identity. Many states have moved to ban the transitioning of youth, some defining it as child abuse. Interestingly, the American Medical Association, representing only about 15 percent of America's doctors, opposes these bills.

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"Letter to Eileen Hanrahan, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Human Services" (responding to "Nondiscrimination in Health Programs and Activities; Proposed Rule, September 5, 2015), Twila Brase, Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, November 9, 2015: <https://bit.ly/3f3xYjz>

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