

# February 2024 Alert: Gender Affirming Medical Care for **MINORS**

**Earlier this week a Federal Court allowed Indiana's law that bans medical providers from providing gender-affirming health care to transgender youth to go into effect.**

This guide explains what this ban means for you and your child.

**Your child can still get gender-affirming mental health care.**

The law only bans doctors and other medical providers from providing certain medical care to minors. It does not ban a doctor, social worker, or therapist from providing gender-affirming mental health care.

The law bans the following:

- Puberty blockers
- Hormone replacement therapy
- All gender affirming surgery, such as top surgery, bottom surgery, or facial feminization

**You can help your child get gender-affirming medical care in another state.**

The law does not limit your right to find gender-affirming care for your child in another state.

**Your child's doctor may not be able to help you find a doctor in another state.**

The law prohibits physicians from referring a minor patient to another physician in or outside of Indiana for this type of care. You should contact your child's doctor about what kind of support is available.

**Follow the ACLU of Indiana for updates about the lawsuit.**

The ACLU of Indiana has been fighting to stop this law and posts updates about the case on their website at <https://www.aclu-in.org/en/press-releases>

**Indiana Legal Services still provides legal services to ensure the safety of transgender youth.**

If you need help with a name and gender marker change, transgender rights in school, or other legal issues related to being LGBTQ+, contact ILS for a free confidential intake online at <https://www.indianalegalservices.org/applyonline> or by calling 844-243-8570 Monday-Friday 10-2 Eastern.