

Thank you for taking the time to take action for trans youth!

A little background:

On August 25, 2025, Michigan Medicine announced that it would cease providing gender affirming care for patients under the age of 19. This is medically necessary, life-saving care, supported by every major medical association as best treatment. The decision to discontinue it puts significant strain on trans youth, their families, and the network of health care clinics still providing this care. The policy change was made in response to a DOJ subpoena that has since been fought and defeated in 8 federal courts. U of M has not reinstated care or publicly challenged the subpoena.

The ask:

We are asking concerned community members to write letters to the U of M regents demanding they do better by trans youth. More information and letter talking points below!

The protest:

There is also a protest, organized by the Huron Valley DSA and a large and growing number of fellow organizations, Thursday, September 17th, 3:00-4:30 p.m., outside the Alexander Ruthven building, 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor. Bring signs and/or noisemakers if you are able to come!

The letters:

It is always best if you can put a letter into your own words, but some key talking points you might include:

- The decision to revoke medical gender affirming care for patients under the age of 19 conflicts with the established standards of care for transgender patients.
- This decision harms an already vulnerable community.
- This decision violates anti-discrimination law in Michigan (the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act).
- The DOJ subpoena has been defeated by EVERY challenge made, and the proposed threat to Medicaid and Medicare funding has been abandoned. All the justifications for revoking this care have been removed.
- Demand:
 - A reinstatement of gender affirming care for patients under 19, including puberty blockers and gender affirming hormones.
 - Until care can be restored, you might also ask for one or two of the following as interim harm reduction:
 - public statement of support for gender affirming care
 - public opposition to the DOJ subpoena
 - integrate community stakeholders into the decision-making process for policy changes affecting marginalized groups
 - publicly commit to accountable and transparent handling of patient data in compliance with HIPAA
 - commit funds to support private clinics that offer gender affirming care to patients under 19.

For privacy, put your letter in an envelope. No need to address it, it will be hand-delivered, but you can write U of M Regents or Michigan Medicine on the outside.

Drop your letter off at A Novel Concept by close of day, September 16th to be delivered at the meeting on the 17th!