

Nicholeen P. Peck proposes the following substitute bill:

Transgender Medical Procedures Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Nicholeen P. Peck

Senate Sponsor: Daniel McCay

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the use of public employee insurance for certain transgender medical treatments and procedures.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- subject to a limited exception, prohibits public employee insurance from covering, or paying or reimbursing for the performance of, certain transgender medical treatments or procedures;

- provides that if, before May 6, 2026, public employee insurance paid or reimbursed for a procedure to transition an individual from the individual's biological sex, public employee insurance must offer the same type and amount of insurance coverage for a procedure to restore that individual, to the extent possible, to that individual's biological sex; and

- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

49-20-423, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **49-20-423** is enacted to read:

49-20-423 . Payment for transgender treatment or procedure using public employee insurance prohibited -- Exception -- Coverage for detransitioning.

- 30 (1) As used in this section:
31 (a) "Hormonal transgender treatment" means the same as that term is defined in Section
32 58-1-603.
33 (b) "Public employee insurance" means the Public Employees' Benefit Insurance
34 Program created in Section 49-20-103.
35 (2) Public employee insurance may not, either directly or indirectly, offer coverage, or be
36 used to pay or otherwise reimburse, for the performance of:
37 (a) except as provided in Subsection (3), hormonal transgender treatment;
38 (b) a primary sex characteristic surgical procedure as defined in Section 58-67-102; or
39 (c) a secondary sex change characteristic surgical procedure as defined in Section
40 58-67-102.
41 (3) If, on May 5, 2026, an individual was undergoing hormonal transgender treatment that
42 was, as of that date, payable or reimbursable under public employee insurance, the
43 individual may complete that course of treatment on the same terms of payment or
44 reimbursement that were available for that course of treatment on May 5, 2026, until that
45 course of treatment ends, if the physician overseeing that course of treatment determines
46 that it is medically necessary to continue the course of treatment.
47 (4) If, before May 6, 2026, public employee insurance paid or otherwise reimbursed a
48 person, either directly or indirectly, for the treatment or a surgical procedure described in
49 Subsection (2) that was performed before May 6, 2026, to transition an individual from
50 the individual's biological sex, public employee insurance shall offer the same type and
51 amount of coverage for treatment or a surgical procedure to restore that individual, to
52 the extent possible, to that individual's biological sex.

53 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

54 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.