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Re: WPATH Statement on Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) opposes the Trump administration's effort to curtail enforcement of section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Section 1557 provides guidance concerning the non-discrimination provisions of the ACA, which are designed to improve access to healthcare for pregnant women, persons with disabilities, persons with limited English language proficiency, and transgender people. Section 1557 also expressly prohibits sex discrimination on the basis of pregnancy and gender identity. WPATH leaders condemn any attempt to limit access to any health care, especially for marginalized or targeted populations, and especially when such actions are motivated by prejudice or on religious grounds.