



HB 377 relative to health care professionals administering hormone treatments and puberty blockers.

Committee: House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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Position: OPPOSE

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) firmly believes everyone deserves access to high quality, compassionate health care – regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. PPNNE offers compassionate and trauma informed services to transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming patients, including well person check-ups, STD testing and treatment, birth control, hormone therapy, as well as other sexual and reproductive health services and referrals.

HB 377 seeks to eliminate hormone therapy for teenagers seeking gender affirming care – effectively forcing them to “detransition” or to wait until they are 18 – **even with parental consent** - to receive the health care they need and deserve to access. This is essential health care, which significantly improves the lives of transgender adolescents and adults and allows them to thrive, and it’s supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and other leading U.S. medical professional associations.

Medical standards for treating transgender teenagers have clear requirements, including comprehensive evaluation and assessment by a licensed clinician prior to treatment. At PPNNE, parental consent is required. These rigorous medical standards and individualized health care plans ensure that families can get their teenager the care and support they need while making sure it is the right care. The best way to protect the health and well-being of transgender young people is to ensure that they can continue to access essential, age-appropriate medical care from licensed clinicians practicing according to the well-established standards of care.

We urge a vote of Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 377.

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