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What does the EO say?

▶ Executive Order 14187, titled "Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation," issued on January 28, 2025:

▶ **Section 1. Policy.**

▶ "Accordingly, it is the policy of the United States that it will not fund, sponsor, promote, assist, or support the so-called 'transition' of a child from one sex to another, and it will rigorously enforce all laws that prohibit or limit these destructive and life-altering procedures."

▶ **Section 2. Definitions.**

▶ "(a) The term 'child' or 'children' means an individual or individuals under 19 years of age."

▶ "(c) The phrase 'chemical and surgical mutilation' means the use of puberty blockers, including GnRH agonists and other interventions, to delay the onset or progression of normally timed puberty in an individual who does not identify as his or her sex; the use of sex hormones, such as androgen blockers, estrogen, progesterone, or testosterone, to align an individual's physical appearance with an identity that differs from his or her sex; and surgical procedures that attempt to transform an individual's physical appearance to align with an identity that differs from his or her sex or that attempt to alter or remove an individual's sexual organs to minimize or destroy their natural biological functions."

Does and Does not

Recommends
federal agencies to stop funding for GAC for "minors" under 19

Will likely affect medicaid (Quest) and Medicare.

Hospitals providing this care risk losing funding if they continue, so many have halted services

Unclear how restrictions will affect each organization, but likely coverage for hormones/surgical

Private clinics that do not receive federal funding and those with commercial insurance are not currently affected by this law

Gender affirming care for ADULTS 19 and up is not currently affected

The National Defense authorization Act (NDAA) prohibits TriCare from covering GAC for military dependents under 18

Directs federal agencies to review and potentially modify funding to eliminate coverage.

Surgeries for youth are rare, so it's unclear how this will affect Hawaii in practice

Censorship on the Internet

- The EO directs Federal agencies censorship - remove all mentions of gender and sexual orientation (amongst others) from US Health Agency websites.
 - This is already happening
 - Many websites have come back up, but are missing references to targeted groups
 - Know that your healthcare providers - especially those that are already trans-affirmative - will have access to alternate sources of information and much of it they already have in their head
- HIV care and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP - nearly all of it is gone and remains gone
- **YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS HAVE ACCESS TO NEARLY ALL, IF NOT ALL OF THIS INFORMATION**

Censorship of Researchers

- Researchers have been ordered to remove SGM words from their proposals and studies, which could affect research on our community.
 - Many studies do not receive federal funding, so it's unclear how much this will affect research on gender affirming care, but it will certainly affect research on HIV.
 - § For example, some PrEP medications have been studied so are approved for trans woman and gay men, but not for people assigned female at birth.

Federal Funding for Healthcare Clinics/Providers

Community Health Centers are worried about shutting down due to lack of access to federal funding

Department of Health and Human Services have been preemptively cutting off grant funding if it relates to gender affirming, STD, Hep C or HIV care

Some have reserve funds or other funding

What about other healthcare?!?

There is nothing preventing any healthcare provider from treating you as a whole person, managing your health in a primary care context

Reproductive rights do not appear to be legally affected yet

It is legal for them to use your correct pronouns and name

What can we do as individuals?

It is legal to obtain up to 12 months' worth of prescription medication at once.

Medicaid will only cover 1-3 months at a time depending on the medication

Consider asking your provider to give you a prescription for a year's worth of medications and filling it all.

May consider a private healthcare provider or online provider (\$\$\$)

Private Mail Order Pharmacies

Mail order, inexpensive access to medications to estradiol, spironolactone, progesterone. Costco's retail prices may be lower than larger pharmacies.

You don't have to be a member to use them

- Amazon
 - Has RxPass which is a subscription and estradiol is included
 - They will fill a full year if you call them - cash pay
 - Estradiol 2mg 450 tablets \$67
 - Spironolactone 100mg 180 tablets \$22
 - Testosterone multi use vial \$95
- CostPlusDrugs 90 days supply
 - 100mg spiro \$20
 - 2mg estradiol \$13
 - Topical estradiol \$115
 - NO Testosterone
 - They will fill as much as your provider sends in up to a year

Consider Joining PFLAG 😊

- ▶ Lawsuit filed in Maryland by ACLU and Lambda Legal seeking to enjoin portions of the gender-affirming care EO
- ▶ ACLU is partnering with PFLAG – will their members have more protections?