

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.