



Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters
Health System

Dear Patient/Parent,

With the utmost concern for your child's health and well-being, CHKD has determined that we must comply with the White House [Executive Order](#) issued on January 28 concerning gender-affirming medical and surgical treatments for children under the age of 19.

As such, we are suspending the prescribing of hormone therapy and puberty blockers specifically for gender-affirming care. We will continue to evaluate guidance and information that becomes available so that we can make you aware as quickly as possible if there are any changes to this determination.

I understand the profound impact that this Executive Order has on you and your family. Our team remains available to you for guidance, consultation, and mental health services, and we are prioritizing access to appointments with your physicians to help you navigate these new circumstances. Please reach out to your provider's office to schedule an appointment. Our mental health service is also coordinating expedited access to mental health services for your child.

I promise to remain vigilant in monitoring guidance related to this Executive Order and will make sure everyone is prepared to adapt rapidly if the situation changes. For updates, please check [this page](#) on [chkd.org](#).

I also want to affirm my wholehearted commitment to the dignity of our patients and to the sacred trust that you place in us to care for your children. We will continue to advocate for our patients and for evidence-based care and for the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship that guides care determinations as we comply with the Executive Order. I am heartbreakingly aware of the challenges that you are now facing and will do all that I can to support you and your family as we monitor this situation and comply with applicable law.

Sincerely,

Amy Sampson
President and CEO
CHKD Health System