

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION  
CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
Health Care Department Operations Manual

**4.1.7 Gender Dysphoria Management**

**(a) Policy**

- (1) California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall provide medically necessary gender affirming care for transgender and gender diverse (TGD) patients who are diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria (GD). The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association, provides the diagnostic criteria for GD.
- (2) The CCHCS Transgender Care Guide shall be used to aid medical and mental health staff in the evaluation and management of TGD patients. The Transgender Care Guide is a tool to assist medical and mental health staff in caring for TGD patients.

**(b) Purpose**

To provide guidance to CCHCS medical and mental health care staff in the management of TGD patients with GD.

**References**

- American Psychiatric Association, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, Text Revision, 2022
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 3, Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 3999.98
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 3, Chapter 2, Subchapter 2, Article 1, Section 3999.200
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Health Care Department Operations Manual, Health Care Definitions
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department Operations Manual, Chapter 6, Article 12, Section 62080.14, Transgender or Intersex Inmates
- CCHCS/DHCS Care Guide: Transgender
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care

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