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Hi everyone,

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the two hours. I was so pleased to hear a huge majority speaking in favor. They were such salt of the earth, patriotic, common sense people, I loved it and loved how they cheered each time de Santis was mentioned. I did not hear most of what you guys on the panel said due to a hitch with the audio. I was prepared to be challenged and put on the spot but the clock ticked and ticked and...nothing. Where did all the opposition go? Weren't you expecting a bigger turnout? That one church really brought a lot of people! I was smiling ear to ear by the end.

To which state do we go next? I'm ready.

Miriam

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 8, 2022, at 12:29 AM, Andre Van Mol <95andrev@gmail.com> wrote:

Late morning sounds good. BTW, I got from Paul Hruz his classic takedown of the p.10 AAP letter slogan that randomized controlled trials may be unethical in GAT.

"It is often argued that conducting randomized controlled trials in the field of gender medicine would be unethical. This is based upon the false premise that the control group would receive no specific therapy. However, in scientific investigation all variables except the independent variable being tested are kept constant in both experimental and control groups. Thus, although members of the control group do not receive the intervention being studied, they are provided with all other aspects of treatment indicated for the condition; that is, they receive standard care. There are numerous means of psychological support for anxiety, depression, and other comorbidities associated with gender dysphoria. Coping skills can be developed in both treatment arms."

Andre

On Jul 7, 2022, at 8:13 PM, Weida, Jason  
<[Jason.Weida@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:Jason.Weida@ahca.myflorida.com)> wrote:

Got it. Thanks. We can discuss tomorrow. I got a conference room at the Agency

for us if you want to come over before we head out to the hearing.  
Come at your leisure. Perhaps mid to late morning? We'll be heading over the hearing in the same vehicle (rental van) around 2:20.

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**Subject:** Re: AAP-FCAAP Comment Letter: Medicaid Coverage for Gender Affirming Care (Privileged & Confidential)

Here is my rebuttal of the AAP statement. Yellow highlights and usually embedded comments. I'm doing this from inside a plane on the tarmac using my iPhone hot spot, so I hope it works. :)

Andre

On Jul 7, 2022, at 3:10 PM, miriam grossman <[miriamgrossmanmd@hotmail.com](mailto:miriamgrossmanmd@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Jason  
Thanks for forwarding. I skimmed through and don't see any surprises. Please refer audience questions about standards of care to the other docs who are more articulate on this subject than I.  
Miriam

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 7, 2022, at 5:25 PM, Weida, Jason <[Jason.Weida@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:Jason.Weida@ahca.myflorida.com)> wrote:

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Andre, Quentin, and Miriam,

Please see the below and attached. Today, the American Academy of Pediatrics and its Florida

Chapter have submitted this white paper responding to the GAPMS report and the proposal rule. I encourage you to read it.

Thanks,  
Jason

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**Subject:** AAP-FCAAP Comment Letter: Medicaid Coverage for Gender Affirming Care

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide commentary to the Agency for Healthcare Administration on Medicaid rules currently being considered.

Attached is a joint letter from The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics pertaining to the proposed rule concerning Medicaid's coverage of gender affirming care. This letter also has been submitted electronically through the feedback form at the Florida Department of State public notice number 25979915.

I am requesting that you please acknowledge receipt of this communication via return email.

Thank you once again, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Scott VanDeman**  
**Communications Coordinator**

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