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INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: Transgender Youth, Alias, and Gender Change

Request Date: July 5, 2023

Information Requested:

The Washington State Department of Health has questions regarding transgender youth, alias, and gender change to gather lessons learned and/or methods other states have used. The specific questions are as follows:

- How are you addressing requests for non-legal name changes and/or gender change?
- How do you address or at what age are youth able to request changes in the IIS for name or gender change?

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Results:

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Texas:

Personal demographic change requests in Texas require legal documentation before a record can be changed in the IIS. Individuals aged 18 years and older can request necessary changes with legal, documented proof of the change. If they are under 18 years of age and have legal documentation for being an emancipated minor, we will make changes as if they were of age.

Colorado:

How are you addressing requests for non-legal name changes and/or gender change? When legal documentation is not available, we honor a “preferred name” by adding it to the Alias first, middle, and last name field. In regard to the gender, we provide the following options when they don’t identify with male or female:



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Transgender Female/Feminine
Transgender Male/Masculine
Non-Binary
Declined
Unknown

We notify them that editing the “Gender field” can potentially cause issues if this doesn’t match other legal documents, such as their ID, passport, etc. Most often folks who choose this update it to the “decline” option.

How do you address or at what age are youth able to request changes in the IIS for name or gender change?

We have not come across this request yet. However, if a minor were to make this request, we would require emancipation paperwork and handle it the same as a non-legal name change request.

In addition to the above information, we have a “Colorado Immunization Information System Record Modification Policy and Procedure” document in place. As part of this policy and procedure document, we require that the individual complete a request form before any changes/updates are made. The request form captures the requested changes/updates as well as the signature of the requestor. This is kept as proof in case there is a dispute later.