

## AACHC STATEMENT ON HEALTHCARE FOR ALL GENDER AFFIRMING CARE

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The Arizona Alliance for Community Health Center (the Alliance) supports the delivery of comprehensive high-quality primary healthcare services to all Arizonans. We represent Arizona's Community Health Centers (CHCs) and the 800,000 patients they serve across the state in both rural and urban communities.

The Alliance is in alignment with the statements put forth by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American College of Physicians (ACP), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM), American Medical Association (AMA), and American Psychiatric Association (APA) in support of gender affirming care.

The Alliance supports everyone having access to the healthcare they need. This includes trans, genderqueer, and non-binary people receiving full access to gender affirming health services. For this reason, we oppose the types of bills being put forth in various states that limit access and criminalize gender affirming care. These bills run counter to our organization's values of dignity, autonomy, and healthcare for all.

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*The Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers (AACHC) is the Primary Care Association for the State of Arizona. AACHC provides training and technical assistance to Arizona's Community Health Centers (CHC) in support of their mission to deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services to all Arizonans. AACHC represents Arizona's CHCs who serve low-income, vulnerable, and underserved patients in rural and urban communities across the state. Arizona's CHCs serve 800,000*

*patients annually, which represents over 10% of Arizona's population. Community Health Centers provide primary care services including medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy.*