

# Congress of the United States

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## **VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

Dr. Phil Swagel  
Director  
Congressional Budget Office  
H2-402 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6925

Dear Director Swagel,

In recent years, treatment of gender dysphoria among minors has increasingly moved from psychotherapy, often referred to as “talk therapy,” to much more aggressive chemical or surgical interventions such as puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex change surgeries.

To the extent practicable, I would ask that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate the cost of the following:

1. The total aggregate dollar amount spent to fund “gender transition procedures” during Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, including a breakdown by year and by each federal program (e.g. Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program) that distributed funds to medical institutions performing “gender transition procedures” on minors during Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023; and
2. The percentage growth of the total aggregate amount of federal funding used for these interventions, including a breakdown of percentage differences by year.

For the purposes of these questions, “gender transition procedures” means any medical intervention or combination of medical interventions to affirm an individual’s subjective gender identity through medical transition therapies, such as the use of:

- puberty blockers or gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists or antagonists;
- cross-sex hormones or hormone therapy such as supraphysiological doses of testosterone, other androgens, or estrogen; and
- sex reassignment surgery or body modification surgery or gender confirmation surgery including bilateral mastectomy, subcutaneous mastectomy, pectoral implants, vaginoplasty, metoidioplasty, phalloplasty, vaginectomy, hysterectomy, oophorectomy, ovariectomy, reconstruction of the urethra, phalloplasty, scrotoplasty, implantation of erection or testicular prostheses, voice surgery, penectomy, orchiectomy, clitoroplasty, vulvoplasty, augmentation mammoplasty, facial feminization surgery, thyroid cartilage reduction, or gluteal augmentation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Crenshaw', written over a horizontal line.

Dan Crenshaw  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jodey Arrington, Chairman of the House Budget Committee