

SUBJECT: GENDER IDENTITY NON-DISCRIMINATION

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1 WHEREAS, Gender Identity Disorder (GID) is a serious medical condition and according to
2 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) is characterized by
3 a persistent cross-gender identification and discomfort with one’s assigned sex, and
4 causes clinically significant stress and impairment in functioning; and

5 WHEREAS, GID if not effectively treated, can result in severe psychological distress,
6 depression, and possibly suicide; and

7 WHEREAS, the denial of medical benefits for patients suffering from GID represents
8 discrimination based solely on a patient’s gender identity; and

9 WHEREAS, antidiscrimination laws in most U.S. cities and states do not protect transgender
10 people from discrimination based on gender identity or gender expression; now,
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association support the provision of adequate
13 and medically necessary treatment for transgender and gender-variant people; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, the American Osteopathic Association opposes discrimination on the basis of
16 gender identity.

Explanatory Statement:

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (4th ed. Text revision) (2000) (DSM-IV-TR), 576-82, American Psychiatric Association; International Classification of Diseases (10th Revision) (“ICD-10”), F64, World Health Organization.

Gender Identity: Life in Transition

https://www.do-online.org/pdf/pub_do0508transgen.pdf

ACTION TAKEN _____

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