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### **NAP Policy Statement on Gender Re-assignment Forms**

Northampton Area Pediatrics is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all of our patients, including our patients who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or who have questions about their gender identity.

As part of this commitment, our staff at NAP has had training in how to provide a supportive environment for our patients, and our providers continue to stay as up-to-date as possible on gender related health issues, communicating regularly with our colleagues at the Boston Children's GEMS (Gender Management Service) and Baystate pediatric endocrinology clinics. We also maintain relationships with local mental health professionals who specialize in working with children who are questioning their gender identity

We do sometimes receive requests, as the primary care provider, to complete forms attesting to a gender change on birth certificates, driver's licenses, and other official identification documents. **It is our general policy to refer these forms to the treating gender-transition specialist for completion.** We maintain strong lines of communication with our specialist providers, and we will continue to advocate for and support our patients' best interests.

For more information on legal requirements for gender change please visit

<http://www.masstpc.org> (Transgender Political Coalition on-line clearinghouse)

<https://www.glad.org> (GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders)

<http://www.transequality.org/documents/state/massachusetts>

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Other resources:

<https://childrensnational.org/departments/gender-and-sexuality-development-program/resources-for-families>