



Changing Your Gender in Nevada

A Guide to Name and
Gender Marker
Changes and Gender
Reassignment Services

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Introduction

This informational booklet is meant to serve as a guide to the specific steps involved in managing the process of changing your name and gender marker on important documents like your birth certificate, social security card, and driver's license in Nevada.

This booklet also provides information related to changing your name and gender marker with the State of Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), understanding Nevada Medicaid coverage for hormone therapy and gender reassignment services, and Nevada law regarding health care coverage related to your gender identity or expression.

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 651.070 identifies and prohibits discrimination in any place of public accommodation in Nevada, including insurance offices, offices of providers of health care, hospitals, or other service establishments, based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity or expression. NRS 651.050(2) defines gender identity or expression as "a gender-related identity, appearance, expression or behavior of a person, regardless of the person's assigned sex at birth."

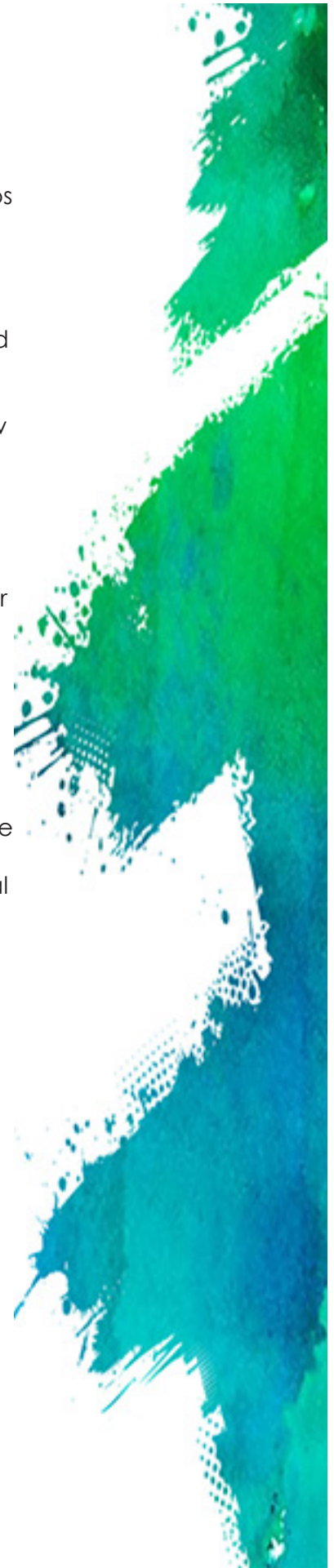
Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 686A.110 through 686A.160 prohibits denial of benefits relating to coverage of medically necessary health care services on the basis of sex. NAC 686A.140 prohibits restricting, reducing, modifying, or excluding benefits relating to coverage involving the genital organs of only one sex when the restriction, reduction, modification or exclusion is not required for both sexes.

NRS 651.070 and NAC 686A.140(7) prohibit the denial, exclusion, or limitation of benefits relating to coverage of medically necessary health care services on the basis of sex as it relates to gender identity or expression.

An insurance carrier may not deny, exclude or limit benefits for medically necessary health care services if the medically necessary health care services would be provided at current standards of care to another covered person without regard to their gender identity or expression.

This guide was compiled using information from a number of different agencies (state and local government agencies and non-profit agencies).

Please see the final page of this guide for a complete list of contributors.



Name Change in Nevada

Nevada Law (NRS 41.270-290) requires several steps for a name change including filing with the district court, publication of notice and court hearing. However, if a name change is for gender identity purposes, a Notice of Publication of Petition does not need to be completed.

Complete the following:

- (1) Family Court Cover Sheet,
- (2) Petition for Name Change, and
- (3) Request for Summary Disposition & Declaration in Support may be required in some counties.

File a verified petition with the clerk of the district court (the district in which you reside). The petition is addressed to the court and states your current name, the name you would like to have in the future, the reason for desiring the name change, and whether you have been convicted of a felony.

If you have been convicted of a felony, you must disclose this and submit a copy of your fingerprints with your documents.

Forms for Nevada name changes can be found here:

<http://selfhelp.nvcourts.gov/self-help/name-changes/name-changes-for-adults?enter=1>

The forms for Washoe County can be found here:

<https://www.washoecourts.com/Main/FormsAndPackets>

The forms for Clark County can be found here:

<http://www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org/self-help/name-changes/name-changes-for-adults>

Note: If links do not work, try using a different browser like Google Chrome

Fees may vary by county. In Clark County, there is a \$270.00 fee to open the case. If you cannot afford this fee, you may also apply for a fee waiver.

You can also file in person or by mail at the following addresses:

Family Courts and Services Center
Attn: Clerk of Court
601 North Pecos Road
Las Vegas, NV 89101

2nd Judicial District Court
District Court Filing Office
75 Court Street
Reno, NV 89501



Name Change in Nevada

After you file your documents with the Court, submit the Order of Name Change for the judge to review and sign.

Staff will either mail the order to you or contact you to pick it up and file it. If you are told to file the order yourself, file it at the Clerk's Office.

If you wish to change your child's name, the same requirements apply; however, both parents with legal rights to the child must consent.

*Note: Getting a name change with the Court does not automatically change your name with government agencies, banks, the DMV, Social Security.

After you get your court order, you will need to contact each office to change your name.

Most agencies will need to see a certified copy of the name change order before changing your name on their records.

You can get a certified copy of your order by visiting the Clerk's Office.

The Transgender Allies Group developed a roadmap that outlines each step for changing your name on your birth certificate, diplomas, and professional certificates.

The step-by-step roadmap is available here:

<http://transgenderalliesgroup.org/roadmap.html>

For court locations outside Clark and Washoe County, visit:

<http://selfhelp.nvcourts.gov/find-my-court> to find a court in your area.



Birth Certificate - Name and Gender Marker Change

If you were born outside of Nevada, check with the Office of Vital Statistics in the state of your birth for requirements to change your name and gender marker.

If you were born in Nevada, you may complete forms to change your name and gender marker with Nevada Vital Records.

Forms found online at:

http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BirthDeath/Birth_and_Death_Vital_Records_-_Home/

Click on the link titled: Sex (Gender) and Name Change Informational Packet and Forms.

To amend or correct a birth certificate, you must be the person of record (person listed on birth certificate), parent or guardian of the person of record, or a legal representative of the person of record.

Complete the following documents:

(1) Affidavit for Corrections of a Record – Completed by you (the person of record), parent, guardian, or legal representative and notarized.

AND, one of the following:

(2) Supplemental Affidavit (in Forms section at the end of this brochure) – Completed by a person having personal knowledge that you (the person of record) assumed, identifies with, and intends to maintain the gender marker corresponding to your request.

*Note: this cannot be completed by you or any other person that completed the Affidavit for Corrections of a Record.

OR

3) Other Verifiable Evidence –

Examples include:

-A written statement from a licensed Healthcare Professional on facility letterhead.

-A court order stating that a licensed Healthcare Professional has treated, evaluated, or consulted with you (the person of record) and your change request is consistent with the gender that you identify with and intend to maintain.



Birth Certificate - Name and Gender Marker Change

There is a \$40.00 fee that includes one certified copy of the amended birth certificate.

Additional copies are \$20.00 each.

Submit your documents in person or by mail to:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Preparedness, Assurance, Inspections and Statistics
Office of Vital Records and Statistics
4150 Technology Way, Suite 104
Carson City, Nevada 89706

For specific questions about amending or correcting information on a birth certificate, call 775-684-4242 and ask for an amendment clerk.

For all other questions, call the Office of Vital Records at 775-684-4242, or you can e-mail questions to: vitalrecords@health.nv.gov.



Social Security Card - Name and Gender Marker Change

IMPORTANT - Change your name with the Social Security Administration (SSA) first.

Wait at least two days after updating the change with SSA to complete the change with DMV.

To make these changes, you must visit a Social Security office in person. The Social Security offices in Nevada are located in Reno or Las Vegas.

In Reno:

1170 Harvard Way, Reno, NV 89502

In Las Vegas:

4340 Simmons St, North Las Vegas, NV 89032
1250 S. Buffalo Drive, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89117
10416 S. Eastern Avenue, Henderson, NV 89052

If you are located in a rural area, you must arrive in person at a Social Security Administration office in either Reno or Las Vegas.

For SSA Name Change:

Submit the following: (1) Application for a Social Security Card; (2) proof of your identity; (3) proof of citizenship or immigration status; and (4) acceptable proof of name change. Acceptable proof of your name change may be: court order for name change (original or certified copy); marriage, civil union, or domestic partnership certificate (original or certified copy); divorce decree (original or certified copy); or certificate of citizenship or naturalization (original only).

For SSA Gender Marker Change:

Submit one of the following to change your gender marker: (1) birth certificate showing the correct gender marker; (2) court order recognizing the correct gender marker; or (3) signed letter from a provider confirming you have had appropriate clinical treatment for gender marker transition.

Transgender Allies Group recommends having your physician fill out the letter template, which can be found here:

<http://transgenderalliesgroup.org/transitionForms.php>



Department of Motor Vehicles - Name and Gender Marker Change

DMV Name Change:

Bring an original or certified copy of your court order and your current ID with you to the DMV to change your name. This must be done in person at a DMV office.

DMV Gender Marker Change:

A physician must complete the form titled DMV Medical Certification and the Gender Change Authorization form on your behalf. Once completed by a physician, bring the form to the DMV to change your gender marker.

The form is located here:

<http://www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/dld136.pdf>

DMV Name Change on Vehicle Registration and Title:

It is important to change the name on your vehicle registration and the title so that these documents match your ID card or driver's license.

To change these documents, you must provide the DMV with your court order for name change, proof of insurance, and current registration. The DMV will match the full legal name on your driver's license to your vehicle registration and title.

IMPORTANT - The insurance card that you present to the DMV must already have your updated name on it when you change the name on your vehicle's registration and title.



Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Name and Gender Change

DWSS determines eligibility for the Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, and Energy Assistance Programs.

If your information has been updated with SSA or DMV, then DWSS will verify the reported changes through electronic data sources whenever possible.

To either apply for new benefits or report changes to existing cases you can do so online, on the phone, in person, or by mail.

Contact Online: https://dwss.nv.gov/TANF/Access_Nevada/

Call: Customer Call Team (CCT) 775-684-7200 or 702-486-1646.

Visit any District Office: District offices are located in Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Fallon, Yerington, Hawthorne, Elko, Ely, and Pahrump.

Visit: <https://dwss.nv.gov/Contact/Welfare/> to find the office closest to you.

Mail information to:

State of Nevada
Division of Welfare & Supportive Services (DWSS)
P.O. Box 15400
Las Vegas, NV 89114-5400



Nevada Medicaid Coverage for Gender Reassignment

As of January 1, 2018, Nevada Medicaid covers genital reconstruction surgery (GRS) services.

Nevada Medicaid covers medically necessary services for the diagnosis and treatment of gender identity disorder, also known as gender dysphoria, among eligible recipients.

Currently, hormone therapy prescription drugs used in delaying the onset of puberty and/or continued pubertal development, and mental health services are covered.

Hormone Therapy

Medicaid recipients seeking hormone therapy or hormone suppression prescription services schedule an appointment with a licensed family physician (FP), endocrinologist, or obstetrician-gynecologist (OB/GYN) that accepts Medicaid. Medicaid policy requires a diagnosis of gender dysphoria to qualify for hormone suppression therapy drugs.

Hormone therapy and hormone suppression are different. Hormone therapy for transgender individuals helps aid the transition from male-to-female or female-to-male. Hormone suppression involves continuous hormone suppression prescription drugs given to children between ages 8 – 15 while in Tanner Stage 2, to halt the progression of puberty including the development of secondary sex characteristics.

To be considered for genital reconstruction surgery (GRS) services, Medicaid adheres to World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care, requiring that gender hormones be taken for 12 consecutive months with the recipient living in the relatable gender role.

Mental Health

Medicaid recipients seeking mental health services must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts, and schedule and maintain ongoing psychotherapy with a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist.



Nevada Medicaid Coverage for Gender Reassignment

Nevada Medicaid adheres to WPATH Standards of Care and covers gender reconstruction services. To be eligible, the recipient must:

1. have a persistent and well-documented case of gender dysphoria;
2. be 18 years of age or older;
3. be sufficiently physically fit and meet eligibility criteria under Nevada and federal laws;
4. have the capacity to make a fully informed decision and give consent for treatment;
5. have had comprehensive mental health evaluations;
6. have lived 12 months in a gender role congruent with the recipient's gender identity without reversion to the original gender; and
7. have obtained authentic letters from two qualified licensed health care professionals,
 - a. a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist with which the recipient has an established and ongoing relationship; and
 - b. a licensed psychiatrist, psychologist or physician that has only had an evaluation role.

Male to Female Gender Reassignment

Male-to-Female (MTF) surgery may cover: breast or chest surgery (mammoplasty) and genital surgery (orchiectomy, penectomy, vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty, vulvoplasty, labiaplasty, urethroplasty, prostatectomy).

Augmentation mammoplasty for MTF recipients is a covered benefit only when 12 continuous months of hormonal (estrogen) therapy has failed to result in breast tissue growth of Tanner Stage 5 on the puberty scale, as determined by the provider, or the recipient has a medical contraindication to hormone therapy.

Female to Male Gender Reassignment

Female-to-Male (FTM) surgery may cover breast or chest surgery (mastectomy) and genital surgery (hysterectomy, salpingo-oophorectomy, phalloplasty, vaginectomy, vulvectomy, scrotoplasty).

To find an enrolled Medicaid physician, surgeon, and/or behavioral health physician, please see the following link:

<https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/hcp/provider/Resources/SearchProviders/tabid/220/Default.aspx>



Additional Resources

The following links may be helpful for you and your physician to review and understand the Medicaid requirements that pertain to covered Transgender Services.

To review the policy related to Transgender Services, please see the following link:

<http://dhcfnv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C600/Chapter600/>

Select link under 2018 titled Current - Effective Jan 1, 2018:

http://dhcfnv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfnv.gov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C600/MSM_600_18_01_01.pdf

Scroll down to Section 607 for revisions to Transgender Services.

To review billing guidelines, please see the following link:

<https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/BillingInfo.aspx>

Click on Provider Type 14 to see guidelines for Behavioral Health (Psychotherapy) outpatient treatment services.

Click on Provider Type 26 to see guidelines for Psychologist services.

Click on Provider Type 20 to see guidelines for Physician/Surgeon services.

Please contact the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Primary Care Office if you have additional questions.

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