

**Gender Affirming Care – Physician Declaration**

The Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness requires physicians assessing, diagnosing, treating and referring Transgender and Gender Diverse (TGD) people for gender affirming care, to have the following competencies:

- Ability to recognize and diagnose/assess co-existing mental health or other psychosocial concerns and distinguish these from gender dysphoria, incongruence, and diversity.
- Continuing education in health care relating to gender dysphoria, incongruence, and diversity.
- Knowledge about TGD identities and expression.
- WPATH informed and knowledgeable and experienced in providing culturally competent and safe trans care e.g., have attended any symposiums, conferences or workshops/training such as the prideHealth Provincial Centre for Training, Education and Learning (PCTEL) sessions or conferences, the Trans Health symposium, or CPATH/ WPATH education.

I certify that I meet the above competencies, and the information given on this form is complete and accurate.

Name (please print):

---

Provider Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing the above, I understand this grants me eligibility to utilize the gender affirming care health service code 03.04K. This code includes gender transition readiness, gender transition follow up, and postoperative care for patients who have had gender affirming surgery. Any necessary counselling or physical examinations are included in this HSC and should not be claimed separately.

This code is to be used only for services provided that are directly related to gender affirming care. It does not replace all visit codes for that patient. Full details on this HSC can be found in the Physician's Manual.

Please send the completed form to:

Email: [MSI\\_ASSESSMENT@MEDAVIE.BLUECROSS.CA](mailto:MSI_ASSESSMENT@MEDAVIE.BLUECROSS.CA)

Fax: 902-496-2275