

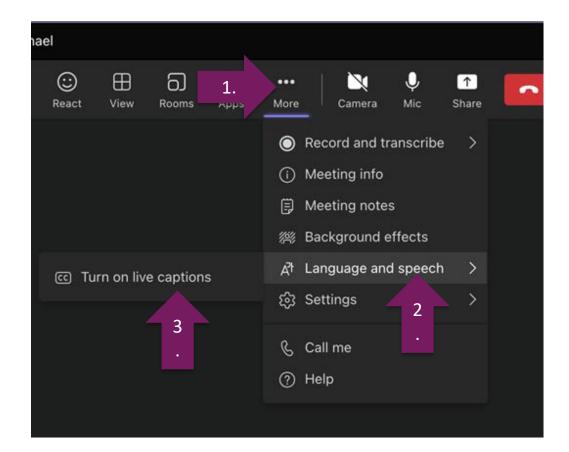
Supporting LGBTQIA+ Staff at UPMC

Understanding the Resources

Available to Staff, Patients, & Members







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Hello again!

Thank you!

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LGBTQIA+ Health Quality at UPMC

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LGBTQIA+ Health Quality and Beyond: The partnerships that are moving us forward





DPMC PRIDE HEALTH

The mission of the system wide UPMC Pride Health ERG is to serve all members of the LGBTQIA+ community and its allies in creating a safer, more visible, and more supported environment to encourage education, personal growth, and advocacy for all LGBTQIA+ efforts impacting our workforce, workplace, and marketplace.

Employee Resource Group Co-Chairs



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Creative & Expressive Arts Therapist III



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MISSION

The mission of the system-wide UPMC PRIDE Health Employee Resource Group (ERG) is to serve all members of the LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Aromantic/Agender) community and its allies (also referred to as our UPMC Rainbow Community) in creating a safer, more visible, and more supported environment to encourage education, personal growth, and advocacy for all LGBTQIA+ efforts impacting our workforce, workplace, and marketplace.

GOALS

- Create a network to help build and foster a growing community among LGBTQIA+ employees and allies
- Create a safe space for LGBTQIA+ employees and allies to facilitate conversations, share new perspectives, and present opportunities to learn from one another's life experiences
- Advocate for LGBTQIA+ initiatives impacting our workforce, workplace, and marketplace across UPMC
- Create and share opportunities for professional & personal development for our LGBTQIA+ employee network

Join Us!

PRIDE Health Teams Channel

Keep up to date with the latest communications and LGBTQIA+ networking events on our Teams Channel.

UPMC PRIDE Health ERG Meetings

These meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 9am to collaborate on initiatives that impact our LGBTQIA+ employees, members, and communities.

Conversations that Impact LGBTQIA+

These meetings are held on the last Friday of each month at 9am and dedicated to topics and issues that impact our LGBTQIA+ Community. This series will give members an opportunity to share their personal experiences and get to know one another with discussions pertaining to gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation.

Request to join by contacting the UPMC PRIDE Health ERG: UPMCPRIDEHealth@upmc.edu



PRIDE Health ERG Meetings

Developing Network & Community

- PRIDE Health Travels
- Celebrate member recognitions/wins
- PRIDE Health Member Roster/Meet Ups Document
- A Moment of Meditation

Workforce Development

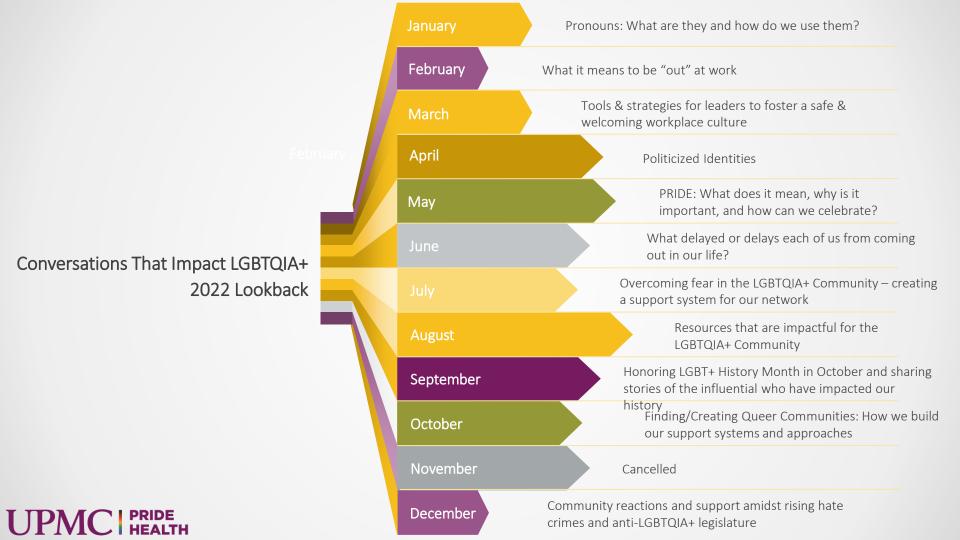
Quarterly LGBTQIA+ Leadership Speaker Series

Building Awareness

- AAPI Month
- Juneteenth
- Honors & Commemorates our History
- LGBTQIA+ Resources Workgroup
 - 2023 Priorities
 - Name Change Support
 - Gender Affirming Guidelines
 - Exploring LifeSolutions Support for LGBTQIA+
 - Social Event Planning Workgroup







Request to join PRIDE Health by emailing our service account



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UPMC Employee
Benefits and How
to Find an Affirming
Provider



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UPMC LGBTQIA+ Employee Benefit Guide

Employee benefits guide includes:

- ✓ Transgender-inclusive care
- Family building and planning
- ✓ HIV services and treatment
- ✓ Additional benefits

UPMC LGBTQIA+ Employee Benefits Guide



Introduction

Please note that this document is not a guarantee that all services listed will be rendered. Instead, this document captures the covered healthcare services and treatment options that are provided to UPMC employees as well as resources to clarify these offerings. Feel free to consult with the contacts provided to determine additional requirements and procedures for gaining access to covered services.

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- 2. Family Building and Planning
- 3. HIV Services and Treatment
- 4. Additional Benefits

Transgender-inclusive Healthcare

UPMC and UPMC Health Plan provide extra support to our members in the trans and gender diverse community. We provide an understanding of benefits to access care to best meet needs – from providers who will reat all with dignity and respect to live their healthliest life. Specially trained individuals on UPMC Health Plan's dedicated Member Services team for transgender members ensure that members feel safe and comfortable asking questions about transgender coverage and comfortable asking questions about transgender coverage should community resources. Those interested in learning more about transgender coverage should call 1-844-202-102 (TIY: 711).

Healthcare Services and Treatment Options – appropriate medical diagnosis must be used to have these services authorized for coverage.

1.Behavioral mental health benefits - seeing a behavioral health specialist is required to begin the gender affirming approval process, and these services are covered under the plan. Call 1.844-202-0126 (TIT: 711) to be referred to a specially trained care manager to assist with coordination of care and location of participating behavioral health specialists in your area.

2.Pharmaceutical coverage (hormone replacement therapies, puberty blockers for youth) – call **1-844-202-0126 (TTY: 711)** to find providers that specialize in gender affirming services who

are knowledgeable regarding the medications required to begin this process. $% \label{eq:constraint}$

3.Coverage for medical visits and laboratory services – call 1-844-202-0126 (TTY: 711) to access providers who specialize in gender affirming services.

4. Coverage for reconstructive surgical procedures related to gender affirmation (including orchectomy, penetomy, penile inversion vaginoplasty and labiaplasty, mastectomy, ophorectomy, salpingo-ophorectomy, hysterectomy, vaginectomy, metiodioplasty, phalioplasty and scrotoplasty and related medically necessary procedures such as hair removal prior to genital procedures and revisions) is available.

 Short-term medical leave – review the <u>Disability Coverage</u> pages on Infonet. You may also call the UPMC employee dedicated phone line at 1-844-833-0524, option 1.

Additional benefits and procedures

Hair removal, including electrolysis and laser treatment.
 (Coverage in addition to hair removal covered as a part of gender affirming surgeries)

2.Tracheal shave/reduction

3. Facial feminization/masculinization surgeries

4. Voice modification therapy

5. Voice modification surgery

For additional information and support please contact the Transgender Healthcare Concierge at 1-844-202-0126 (TTY:711)

Links to Helpful Information

1.UPMC LGBTQIA+ Resources available at UPMC.com/LGBTQ

2.Pre-Authorization Process – contact your Care Manager or call the number on your medical plan card.

 Claim Denial Appeals Process – refer to your Explanation of Benefits for next steps.

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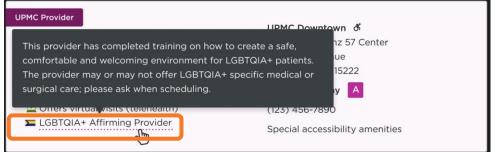
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Recent medical policy additions

- Electrolysis and laser hair removal
- ✓ Tracheal shave
- ✓ Facial reconstructive surgeries
- ✓ Voice modification therapy
- √ Voice modification surgery

LGBTQIA+ Affirming Provider Designation

Health Plan Find Care Directory



Health Services Find A Doctor Directory



- The LGBTQIA+ Affirming Provider Designation makes it easy for members to find providers who can communicate and validate LGBTQIA+ patient experiences and create a safe, welcoming patient-provider relationship for LGBTQIA+ patients.
- Once earned, the designation will be visible to patients and members in the UPMC Health Services <u>Find A Doctor</u> provider directory and/or UPMC Health Plan <u>Find Care</u> provider directory.
- The designation is an indicator that the provider has completed training on how to create a safe and welcoming
 environment for LGBTQIA+ patients; it does not indicate that a provider offers LGBTQIA+ specific clinical care.
- The designation applies to the individual provider only, not to the entire practice.

How Providers Earn the LGBTQIA+ Affirming Provider Designation

Eligibility

Providers must be listed in either the UPMC Health Plan <u>Find Care</u> or the UPMC Health Services <u>Find a Doctor</u> provider directory

Provider Type	Find Care	Find A Doc
Medical	✓ Designation available	✓ Designation available
Behavioral Health	Expected in 2023	✓ Designation available

A designation reporting process for Dental & Vision providers is being evaluated with our vendors

Earning

Complete three learning modules and an attestation. Each learning module is approved for 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

UPMC employed providers	Non-UPMC employed providers
Access the learning modules &	Access the learning modules &
attestation through HR Direct Learning by searching for	attestation in the Continuing Medica Education (CME) Resources section
"Affirmative Communication with	of UPMC Health Plan's patient health
LGBTQIA+ Patients & Members"	resources page on
	upmchealthplan.com

Learning Modules

- LGBTQIA+ Patient and Colleague Awareness Training
- 2. Care for Transgender, Gender Diverse, and Intersex Patients
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Affirming Documentation & Systems



Attestation

I attest to:

- Adhering to the most recent version of the World Professional Association of Transgender Health Standards of Care (wpath.org/publications/soc)
- Understanding the content presented in all three learning modules
- Being confident in communicating with my patients about health needs relating to sexual orientation and gender identity
- Being an LGBTQIA+ Affirming Provider champion
- Agreeing to the LGBTQIA+ Affirming Provider Designation being displayed with my provider details in UPMC Health Plan's provider directory listing

LGBTQIA+ Concierge Line



LGBTQIA+ Health Plan-related questions?

Interested in learning more about gender-affirming coverage?

Reach out to the LGBTQIA+ concierge hotline at 1-844-202-0126

(TTY: 711) or call the phone number on your insurance card.



LGBTQIA+ Health Quality @ UPMC

Resources for:

Everyone → <u>UPMC.com/LGBTQ</u>



UPMC Staff:

LGBTQIA+ Patient Care Resources

Resources for LGBTQIA+ Staff

Email us at LGBTQHealth@upmc.edu



Time for Q & A