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1/ BREAKING: The largest “trans healthcare” providers in the U.S. are rubber-stamping letters approving gruesome, life-altering surgeries. It’s such a racket that my producer was approved for testicle removal in [#22minutes](#). The tape is disturbing.

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2/ First, some background. Ari Groner is a licensed clinical social worker who educates doctors on “trans healthcare.” At a recent training session for the Juniper Center, Groner explained that she writes whatever letters her patients want, because she’s not a “gatekeeper.”

Tips and Tricks- Beginning

- Acknowledge power differential and difficulty sharing
- Use client language
- Explain timeline
- Use guidelines provided
- *The following is a clinical assessment of readiness for _____ (legally _____) for the purpose of _____.*
- Is this helpful?
- Find templates

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Ari Groner

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3/ Groner was referring to the WPATH standards, which major hospitals follow. They require that trans patients obtain a letter before undergoing

surgeries. But Groner tells her audience to treat the letters as a “persuasive essay,” and to green-light even suicidal patients.

The Basics

1. Identifying Info
 - a. legal Name
 - b. DOB
 - c. requested medical procedure
2. Mental Health
 - a. dates of therapy
 - b. relevant psych hist
 - c. gender dysphoria
3. Gender Development
 - a. understandings of identity
 - b. transitional steps
 - c. "persuasive essay"
4. Understanding/Support
 - a. knowledge of procedure
 - b. support plan (practical/logistical)
5. Recommendations
 - a. professional support
 - b. WPATH necessity

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4/ Groner explains that insurance companies won't pay for these surgeries unless the patient is diagnosed with gender dysphoria. So, she says healthcare workers should provide the diagnosis. “We're using that diagnosis,” she says, “to ensure clients get that necessary treatment.”

Who?

- Mental health professionals (master's degree level)
- asked by medical providers/insurance companies

What?

- Blockers
- Hormone Therapy
- Surgeries
- Gender Marker Change

When?

- Within one year of medical consult
- 1-2 sessions typically

referring out can create additional barriers to care
our role to support client's goals

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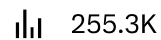
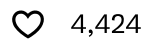
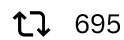


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5/ Whatever insurance companies might think of that, it's the industry standard. The popular trans telehealth service [@folxhealth](#), for example, instructs patients that even if they don't "fit" the definition of gender dysphoria, the diagnosis is “needed” so that insurers pay out.

Insurance companies, letters, and diagnostic codes

Insurance companies usually require a medical diagnostic code for "Gender Dysphoria" in order to cover transition-related care as medically necessary. You may not fit this diagnostic code exactly, but in some cases, the code is needed in order for insurers to pay for the surgery. A good example of this might be a letter for a person who identifies as nonbinary and does not have a lot of "dysphoria." They might still need a gender dysphoria diagnostic code attached in order for insurance to cover the surgery.

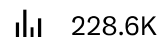


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6/ Folx, which provides letters authorizing surgeries for a nominal fee, goes on to admit that "it's quite possible" patients will receive a letter indicating a gender dysphoria diagnosis, even though they "really do not have dysphoria."

It's quite possible the information in a letter may not be specific to you. For example, they may use a gender dysphoria diagnosis, but you really do not have dysphoria, even if you want [top surgery](#). Even if some of the details are not as specific to you and your situation as you would like, it may be more helpful to understand some of the "whys" behind including such information for coding and or payment requirements. Be aware providers can use different versions of letter templates to meet these requirements.






Keep in mind that not all medical providers are informed on WPATH guidelines or gender-affirming care in general. That's why it's crucial to find a culturally competent provider who understands how to write a surgery letter.



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7/ We reached out to Folx about this. A staff member confirmed that a "diagnosis" of gender dysphoria -- with the word "diagnosis" in scare quotes -- is a "requirement" for insurance purposes, even if it "doesn't apply."





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8/ The largest trans healthcare provider in the U.S., [@plume_clinic](#), runs a similar scam. They sell letters for \$150 authorizing surgeries. That's how our producer [@gregg_re](#) received approval for testicle removal after a 22-minute video call.

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9/ In his intake form with Plume, Gregg provided a fake legal name. He said he had dysphoria in the past. But he stated he had never experienced it for six months or more. Under the current version of the DSM-5, that means he doesn't have gender dysphoria.

Have you experienced dysphoria as a result of the difference between your gender and sex assigned at birth?

Yes

Has this dysphoria ever lasted for 6 months or longer?

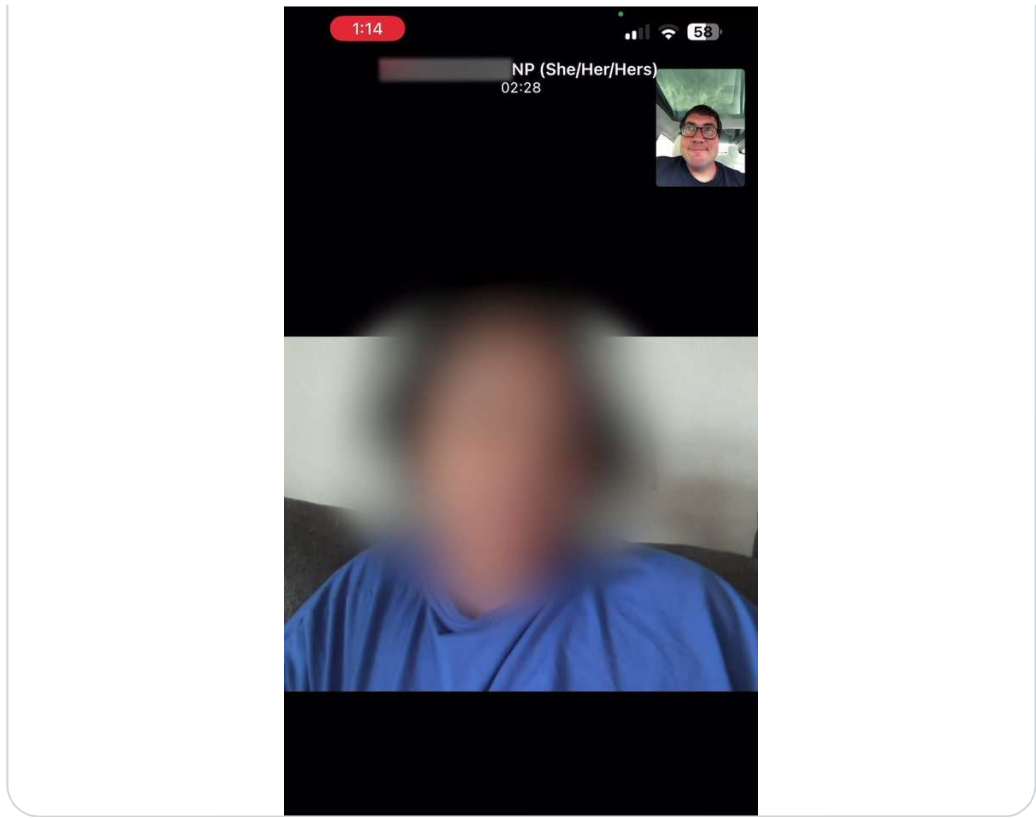
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10/ Plume quickly scheduled Gregg for a video interview anyway. He assumed the identity "Chelsea Bussey." He didn't even attempt to pass. He badly mispronounced the name of the surgery he wanted. He made it clear he didn't know what effect the surgery would have.



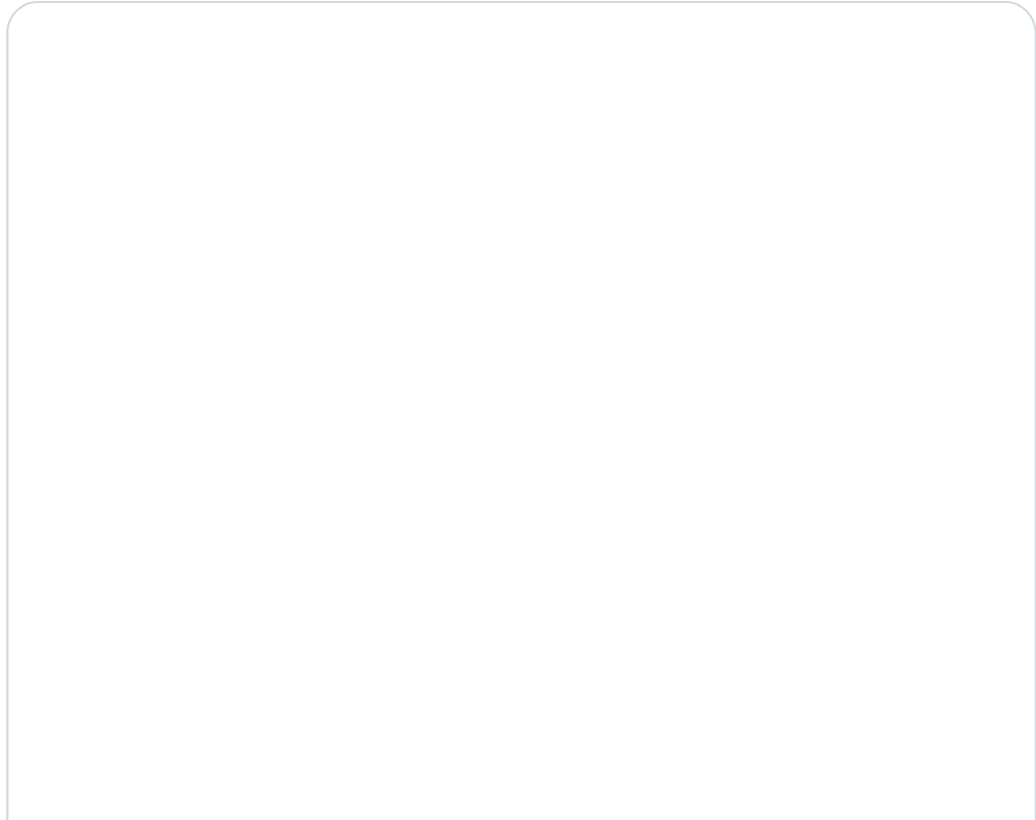
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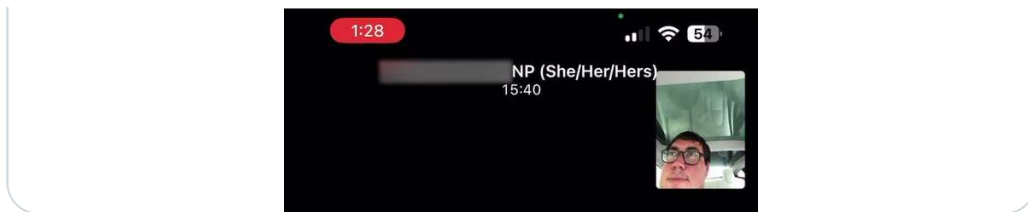


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11/ Nevertheless, Plume's nurse practitioner said she wanted to write the most "solid" letter possible to justify surgery. Gregg tells her that he once wrote an essay in school about being a woman, which everyone thought was ridiculous.



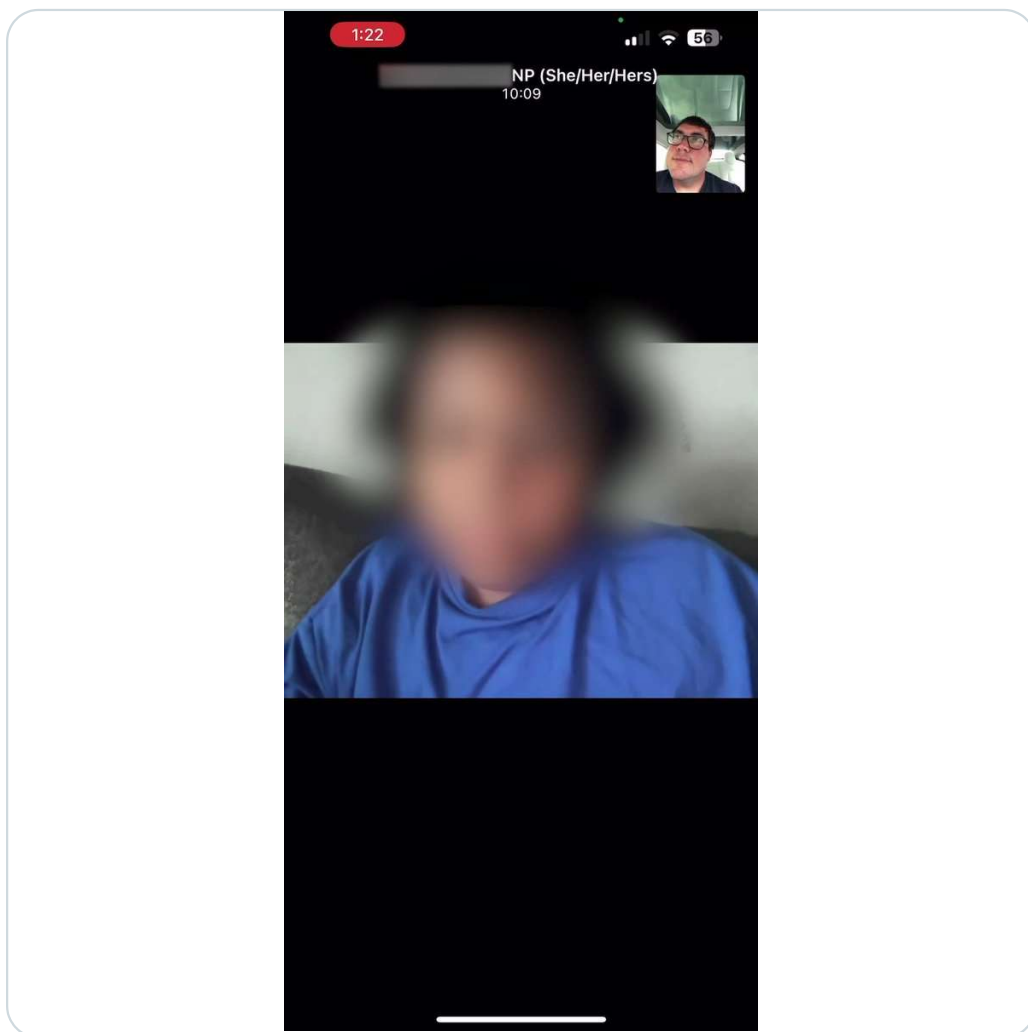


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12/ Gregg also tells Plume's nurse practitioner that his father has been prescribing him hormones for years. The nurse doesn't question this in any way. Instead, she says that arrangement is "perfect."



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13/ Three days later, Plume sent this letter to "Chelsea Bussey" – who does not exist -- saying he was experiencing "significant, ongoing gender dysphoria." The letter strongly recommended "Chelsea" for testicle removal.

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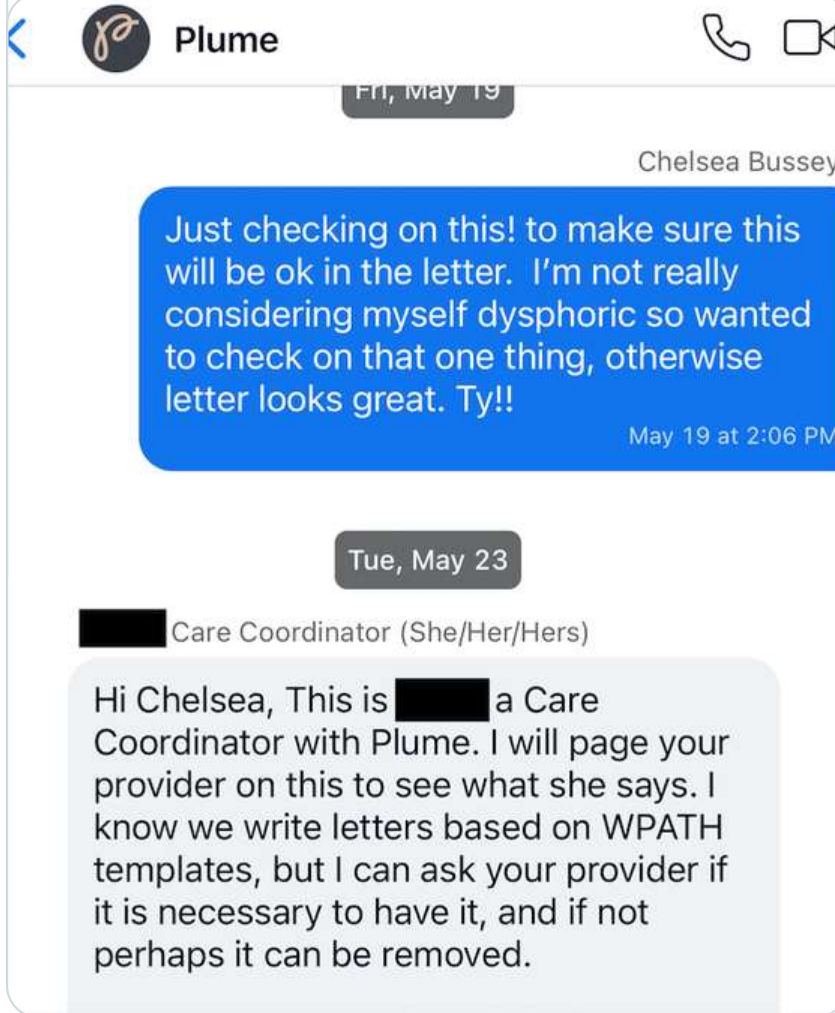


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14/ The letter keeps capitalizing "Orchiectomy," without "an" before it, as if it's just been copy-pasted into a template. Gregg followed up to learn why he had been diagnosed with gender dysphoria. Plume admitted they just use letter templates provided by WPATH.

to whom it may concern, Chelsea Bussey is a patient in my care at Plume Health. She has been a patient here since 5/15/2023. She is not a patient of mine and I have no relationship with WPATH. My identity is well-established. By my independent evaluation of Chelsea Bussey (Legal name: Gregory Noel), she meets the criteria for Gender Dysphoria (ICD-10 F64.1).



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15/ Later, Plume's nurse practitioner confirmed that "in order for the surgery to be paid for," the dysphoria diagnosis would need to remain. At the same time, the nurse appeared confused as to why "Chelsea Bussey" had requested testicle removal in the first place.

Chelsea Bussey

Hi!! Thanks for getting back to me. I was just saying I don't feel dysphoric rn but it's okay to keep in the letter right?

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NP (She/Her/Hers)

Ohhhhh! Ok! Well the surgery is related to the gender dysphoria, which you diagnosed with. It is controlled with HRT, but in order for the surgery to be paid for a GCS, it will need to be related to your gender dysphoria which you are

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16/ This scam is the cutting-edge of "trans healthcare." After launching just a couple of years ago, Plume now operates in 41 states. Folx is in 47 states. How is it possible they've expanded so quickly?

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17/ The answer is that there's big money behind this. Plume and Folx raised more than \$45 million last year. @craft_ventures just led Plume's \$14 million fundraising round. Is @DavidSacks aware this is going on? Are @transformcptl, @generalcatalyst, @slow, or @townhallvntrs?

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18/ Insurance companies like @Aetna, @UnitedHealthGrp, and @Cigna work with Plume. Do they know they're paying for surgeries based on obviously false information?

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19/ Some states have restricted this kind of 'medicine.' Florida, for example, recently passed a law banning most trans telehealth services. Trans activists (and the Associated Press @AP) have complained that this law is 'onerous.'

The new law that bans gender-affirming care for minors also mandates that adult patients seeking trans health care sign an informed consent form. It also requires a physician to oversee any health care related to transitioning, and for people to see that doctor in person. Those rules have proven particularly onerous because many people received care from nurse practitioners and used telehealth. The law also made it a crime to violate the new requirements.

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20/ They're furious because they know the "gender transition" industry is corrupt and fraudulent from the ground up. Protecting kids is just one piece of the puzzle. The fight begins there, but it doesn't end there. The whole industry needs to be shut down.

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