



To the 2SLGBTQIA+ community,

This letter is being sent to Queer Yukon Society, and I ask that it be shared widely with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to increase transparency, awareness and understanding around access to gender-affirming care in the Yukon.

**As of today, the Yukon government has made the regulatory amendments needed for gender-affirming care in private facilities to be covered under the Yukon's Health Care Insurance Plan.**

I want to acknowledge how uncertain the past few months have been, particularly for the transgender and gender-diverse Yukoners who have been directly affected by the delay in access to some gender-affirming care. Our commitment to increasing access to gender-affirming care has never wavered and we've worked to resolve the issues we were facing as quickly as possible.

The issue was an inability to provide coverage for services that were not insured by other provinces and territories, the majority of which are offered in private clinics. Other jurisdictions are facing similar challenges when providing coverage for services in private care facilities under public health insurance. We are pleased that we have been able to address this issue while still working to protect and uphold our public health care system.

While the road has not been smooth, we are happy to be able to support Yukoners access to the gender-affirming care they need.

Yukoners who have applied for coverage for gender-affirming care through the Yukon government will be receiving an update on the status of their application. Yukoners can ask questions and learn more about what services are covered who is eligible and how to apply by email [yukon.healthcare@yukon.ca](mailto:yukon.healthcare@yukon.ca) or phone 867-667-5209.

Sincerely,



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