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Transgender Services Benefits Collaborative Stakeholder Feedback

Peggy Sue Andre

On January 29, 2016, Peggy Sue Andre provided the Department with a press release announcing a recent United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) ruling that a transgender person, who was denied genital reconstruction surgery by a Medicare Advantage (Part C) insurer, United Healthcare/AARP Medicare Complete (HMO), is entitled to those benefits. This ruling is the first of its kind. A link to the ruling can be found below.

<http://jtweisslaw.com/u-s-hhs-rules-transgender-woman-to-receive-surgery-from-medicare-advantage-insurer-first-decision-of-its-kind/>

Daniel Ramos

On February 9th, 2016, Daniel Ramos of One Colorado provided the Department with a press release announcing a recently completed study from Harvard and Yale, which pointed to positive psychological effects of hormone therapy in Transgender individuals. The study is titled *A Systematic Review of the Effects of Hormone Therapy on Psychological Functioning and Quality of Life in Transgender Individuals* and can be found at the link below.

<http://online.liebertpub.com/doi/full/10.1089/trgh.2015.0008>