Gender-Affirming Care Federal Action Updates

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There have been notable federal developments related to gender-affirming care in recent weeks. On July 2, a federal judge ordered the FDA, CDC, and other federal agencies to restore the health care-related webpages they had "arbitrarily and capriciously" removed following Executive Order 14168 "Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government." The court ruled that in implementing the executive order the agencies ran afoul of the Administrative Procedure Act. On July 9, the FTC hosted a workshop entitled, "The Dangers of 'Gender-Affirming Care' for Minors". The DOJ has also recently announced that it has subpoenaed more than 20 health care providers who provide gender-affirming care to minors. These actions are part of its ongoing investigations into potential health care fraud related to these procedures, as previously directed by Attorney General Pam Bondi (more on the DOJ's orders here).