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Dear Valued Community Partner -

In Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin's (PPWI) commitment to respond to the health and education needs of our patients and community members, PPWI is proud to announce that effective October 26, 2020 Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy Services (GAHT) will be available for transgender patients.

PPWI is launching this service based on community need, alignment with our mission, and with our deep dedication and commitment to providing excellent, accessible, and compassionate health care for underserved and often marginalized people in our community.

What is Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy (GAHT)?

- GAHT is the primary medical intervention service sought by transgender patients who are seeking secondary sex characteristics that are more aligned with their gender identity.
- Gender-affirming hormone therapy services include information counseling, medical assessments, hormonal medications and referral resources.
- Hormone therapy may include feminizing medications or masculinizing medications, as well as care planning by a team of compassionate staff.

Where Can Patients Access GAHT?

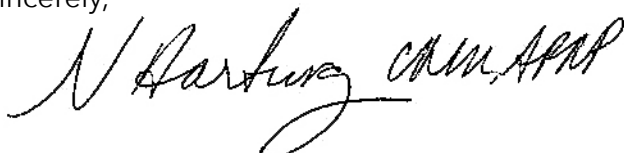
In this initial phase, GAHT services will be available to PPWI patients statewide through telehealth services. In-person services will initially only be available at two PPWI health center locations in La Crosse and Eau Claire. Ultimately in-person GAHT services will be available at all PPWI family planning health centers. Due to COVID, the timeline for the rollout of statewide in-person GAHT service is not yet known.

For the most up-to-date information, hours, services, directions, and to make an appointment at any Planned Parenthood Health Center, call 1-800-230-Plan or visit online plannedparenthood.org.

For more than 85 years, the staff at Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin have been there for people of all genders during some of the most important and intimate moments of their lives. Through the added training and expertise in gender-affirming hormone therapy, we look forward to building on that trust and commitment to nonjudgmental care by being there for our transgender community members.

It is an honor to work with our community partners toward our collective goal of improving the health of our community. Thank you for sharing information about PPWI's new GAHT services with interested patients.

Sincerely,



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