



## ALLIANCE FOR TRANSYOUTH RIGHTS

### **California AB 1876 (Addis) Protect Transgender Patients from Discrimination**

#### **What is AB 1876?**

AB 1876 (Addis) AB 1876 strengthens nondiscrimination protections in California health care by codifying Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act into state law. Section 1557 prohibits discrimination in federally funded health programs based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. While recent federal guidance expanded these protections to include transgender and gender-diverse individuals, shifting political priorities have created uncertainty about their stability. AB 1876 ensures these protections remain in place in California regardless of federal changes.

#### **Key Protections of the Bill**

- Prohibits discrimination in health care based on:
  - Race, color, national origin
  - Sex (explicitly defined to include sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics, including intersex traits)
  - Age and disability
- Guarantees access to medically necessary care without discrimination.
- Protects transgender, gender-diverse, and LGBTQ+ individuals explicitly.
- Shields California residents from potential federal rollbacks by embedding protections in state law



#### **Why It matters**

AB 1876 provides stability and clarity at a time when federal protections may shift, ensuring that Californians, especially that Trans and LGBTQ+ individuals can continue to access health care without fear of discrimination. By locking these protections into state law, the bill reinforces California's commitment to equitable, inclusive health care for all.