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**Statement by Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans,  
on Federal Government’s Final Rule Eliminating Nondiscrimination Protections in Health Care**

“Last week, the federal government announced that it was eliminating a regulation that prohibited discrimination in healthcare against patients who are transgender. The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans and our 17 member plans strongly disagree with this decision. Our member plans firmly believe that every person, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, should have access to health care services and treatment free from fears of discrimination. Discrimination of any kind is unacceptable.

MAHP member plans will continue their commitment to providing comprehensive and affordable health care coverage to all individuals in the Commonwealth, including those in the transgender community. We are proud that Massachusetts has led the way in health care coverage and access for all residents and our health plans will continue to work with health care providers in the state to eliminate barriers for members of the LGBTQ+ community.”

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