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Name: Molly Adler

Address: 733 Adams St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. As the partner of a non-binary transgender person, and as a clinical social worker, I know people who are transgender should be trusted to determine their documents reflect who they are without requiring unrealistic or unnecessary medical treatment. We are not the gatekeepers for other consenting adults.

Name: Georgina Alcuria

Address: 445 Marine View Ave Ste 200 Zip: 92014

Comment:

I Georgina Alcuria fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the vital records modernization act

Name: Lukas Anthony

Address: 1355 Meadowlark Ln SE Apt 313 Zip: 87124

Comment:

My name is Luke. I support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration. I encourage you to accept these changes.



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Name: Brenda Bailey-White

Address: 1412 Martha St NE Zip: 87112

Comment:

I wish to ensure that agency-level rules to implement the Vital Records Modernization Act legislation are successfully adopted. My name is Brenda Bailey-White and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. CALL MAP home news calendar programs donate Equality New Mexico [getty-birth-certificate-family-papers-58b9db303df78c353c44da38.jpg](#) Submit your comment supporting Vital Records Modernization [EQNM.500pxwide.png](#) [TGRCNMLogo-NoBG.png](#) [NCTE.png](#) In the 2019 legislative session our organizations worked to successfully pass the Vital Records Modernization Act. The bill modernized New Mexico's process for correction of sex designation on birth certificates ñ a big victory for transgender, non-conforming, intersex people born in the state. Now, we've got to take this fight across the finish line and ensure that the agency-level rules that implement the bill are successfully passed. We need your help! Please use the form and suggested comment language below to write a quick comment: THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMMENT IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH at 11:59pm MST SAMPLE STATEMENTS TO ADD INTO YOUR COMMENT: Start with a statement expressing your support for the proposed rule: My name is _____ and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act This matters to me because: Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. The systematic discrimination of transgender peoples has been apallingly escalated at the federal level, in every aspect, including, but not limited to, housing, employment, education, and civil rights protections. New Mexicans and the American people are better than this, and the actions of our state and federal government should be a direct reflection of acceptance, diversity, safety, and equal opportunity. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage, entreat, and demand you to accept these changes.

Name: Penn Baker

Address: PO Box 288 Zip: 87008

Comment:

I am a 2Spirit. The optional "X" best describes me



Name: Dianne Barnes

Address: 7913 Woodleaf Dr NE Apt 621 Zip: 87109

Comment:

My name is Dianne Barnes. I'm an art therapist and mental health counselor in New Mexico. I can attest to the pain my transgender and gender nonconforming clients experience just for being themselves AND how far ease in correcting documents goes toward helping them begin to heal. I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I urge you to make this change happen. Thank you.



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Name: Judith Baron

Address: 5314 Kings Row NE Zip: 87109

Comment:

I support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you

Name: Bo Bergstrom

Address: 30 Village Rd Zip: 88061

Comment:

Hello. I support the proposed Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Paula Bid'daum

Address: 4604 Fairfax Dr NW Apt A Zip: 87114

Comment:

I support



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Name: Lorena Blanco-Silva

Address: 10204 Los Arboles Ave NE Zip: 87112

Comment:

Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons.

Name: Salome Block

Address: 2048 Placita De Vida Zip: 87505

Comment:

My name is Dorian Block (nee Salome Block) and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. As a transmasculine individual, my interactions with medical professionals and other related organizations like pharmacies continues to be a hindrance on my getting care when I cannot be recognized as how I identify both by name and gender. Therefore, I encourage you as a member of this community to ensure health and safety for all through these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Kim Bloemker

Address: 6217 Via Corta Del Sur NW Zip: 87120

Comment:

My name is Kim Bloemker_____ and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act



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Name: Tika Bordelon

Address: 1400 Hubbell Pl Apt 1112 Zip: 98101

Comment:

I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records.

Name: Devi Bricker

Address: 317 W Houghton St Zip: 87505

Comment:

My name is Devi Bricker and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I have a child who is transgender. The implementation of this legal change would have a profoundly positive impact on her life. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes. Sincerely, Devi Bricker

Name: Katherine Bruell

Address: 3550 Ridgeway Dr Zip: 87544

Comment:

I support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Thank you for making this important rule change so that all New Mexicans can be safe.



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Name: Elizabeth Buchen

Address: 9113 Los Arboles Ave NE Zip: 87112

Comment:

My name is Elizabeth and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Laurie Bunker

Address: 713 S 3rd St Zip: 87740

Comment:

This is so important to all our fellow New Mexicans who were mid-gendered at birth. We all deserve the right to have our official documents reflect who we are. Thank you for your work on this.

Name: Patrick Byers-Smith

Address: 8901 Alvera Ave SW Zip: 87121

Comment:

LGBTQA Advocacy is critical as us Allies must collaborate in mental and behavioral health together!



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Name: Tirzah Camacho

Address: 1295 Escalante Dr Zip: 81303

Comment:

My name is Tirzah Camacho and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I'm the Vice Chair for the Four Corners Alliance for Diversity, an LGBTQ+ advocacy NPO based in Durango, CO - serving the Four Corners, which includes NM. At The very least, being scientifically intersex is a natural occurrence, and this movement should happen for those people at base level. Secondly, all other gender non-conforming people are just as worthy as needing or wanting this legal identity option. Simply, it's heavily related to saving lives as an affirming choice/way to legitimize existence in the world. Do the right thing.

Name: Joel Casman

Address: 11008 Towner Ave NE Apt M Zip: 87112

Comment:

Being a New Mexican for the last 14 years, I have been impressed with the strong tolerance ethic here. It is of paramount importance to allow individuals to be comfortable and free of criticism with who they feel they are and the gender they identify as. This will allow them to add more value to the general community.

Name: Jerry Chavez

Address: 5729 Peppertree Pl NE Zip: 87111

Comment:

My name is Jerry Chavez, and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.



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Name: Gilbert Chavez Jr

Address: 1601 Pennsylvania St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is _____ and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act.

Name: Jeri Cheney

Address: 2351 Casa Rufina Rd Unit 802 Zip: 87507

Comment:

My name is Jeri Rae Cheney and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. As a non-binary trans person who is also a friend and ally to trans men and trans women I know how important it is to have documents that match your identity. Trans individuals, as part of their transition process may need to correct the sex/gender designation on their birth certificate for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. It is also not reflective of the lived experience of non-binary individuals. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender-neutral sex designation is impossible for people like me to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thanks for your consideration of my comments p. I strongly encourage you to accept these changes. Sincerely, Jeri Rae Cheney

Name: Allanna Chilcoat

Address: 1008 Alvarado Dr SE Apt 21 Zip: 87108

Comment:

Everyone should be able to have the correct gender marker on not only licenses/ID cards but birth certificate as well!!



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Name: Farah Council

Address: 625 Silver Ave SW Ste 195 Zip: 87102

Comment:

I fully support this legislation.

Name: Gregory Davies

Address: 5800 Eubank Blvd NE Apt 1923 Zip: 87111

Comment:

My name is Gregory Davies, and I'm writing in support of the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. People are the most qualified to report their own gender, and obstacles to changing documents including requiring surgery or any other medical treatment is discriminatory and leads to inaccuracies. Thank you for your time.

Name: Sienna Dellepiane

Address: 226 Montclair Dr SE Zip: 87108

Comment:

My name is Sienna Dellepiane and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. This is something that directly impacts myself and my friends and community. Listen to us when we say that this is important. Thank you.



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Name: Andrea Dresser

Address: 146 Blacktail Deer Ave Zip: 88007

Comment:

My name is _Andrea Dresser_____ and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act

Name: Jessica Dwyer

Address: 6109 Brenda Ave NE Zip: 87109

Comment:

Ones humanity is not defined by race, creed or gender.

Name: Mary Elliott

Address: 5501 Tioga Rd NW Zip: 87120

Comment:

My name is Mary Elliott and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. This is an important change for a variety of reasons. Transgender individuals may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for several reasons, including, but not limited to, safety, personal reasons, insurance purposes, and practical reasons. Requiring proof of surgery, or any other specific medical treatment, is frankly outdated, and outright discrimination. I strongly encourage you to accept these changes. Thank you for your consideration.



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Name: Kat Elwell

Address: 2200 Marie Park Dr NE Zip: 87112

Comment:

My name is Kat Elwell. I am the mother of a transgender child, and a speech therapist with Bernalillo Public Schools. I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. There are many reasons why this bill is important:† Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration. This bill will make it safer for my child and allow them to live the happiest, most authentic life possible. I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Star Ford

Address: 1607 S Gonzales St Zip: 87701

Comment:

My name is Star Ford and I support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. When I called in after the law was passed, to correct an error on my birth certificate, the person said they had not developed the procedures yet. Then I called month after month and still no progress - so it looks like the department is not following the law, and needs the rule change to be compliant.

Name: Brenda Funches

Address: 4715 Contenta Rdg Zip: 87507

Comment:

My name is _____ and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act every person deserves the protections afforded under our system of laws. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity.



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Name: Nichelle Garcia

Address: 3516 Running Bird Pl NW Zip: 87120

Comment:

Hello my name is Nichelle Garcia I fully support the purposed rule change to nmac7.2.2 implementing the vital records modernization act.

Name: Michelle Garcia

Address: 211 W Mesa Ave Zip: 87301

Comment:

My name is Michelle Garcia and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. I believe this law is an important step forward in protecting the safety and privacy of LGBTQ+ New Mexicans. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Linda Gardner

Address: 3329 Blume St NE Zip: 87111

Comment:

I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act.



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Name: Justin Garoutte

Address: 1001 McMullen Dr NW Apt B Zip: 87107

Comment:

My name is Justin Garoutte, MPH, and as a public health professional working in New Mexico, I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. This is a vital step in ensuring transgender, gender diverse, and intersex people in New Mexico have greater access to health equity. As a public health professional working with New Mexico schools, I have heard stories of transgender people needing to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. These are reasons that cisgender people never even have to think about. Furthermore, not all transgender, gender diverse, and intersex people want to have or are able to have gender affirmation surgery. Therefore, requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is not aligned with self-determination related to personal health and well-being, and it is outdated and discriminatory. These new rules support self-attestation which is the most accurate form of information about a person's own gender identity. We owe it to our transgender, gender diverse, and intersex family and friends to trust that they know who they are and what is in their best interest. Finally, as our societal understanding of gender expands across the state and nation, a gender-neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. It is also a way to ensure our gender non-binary community members are seen and validated in their identities. This is one systemic way to reduce minority stress and stigma associated with being a gender non-binary person in a predominantly gender binary world. Thank you so much for considering my comments on this rule change. As a public health professional focused on the health and well-being of sexual and gender minority (i.e., LGBTQ+) folks in New Mexico, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Jean And Dr. James Genasci

Address: 3091 Mill Vista Rd Unit CC1601 Zip: 80129

Comment:

STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS LEGISLATION !!!

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Address: 3091 Mill Vista Rd Unit CC1601 Zip: 80129

Comment:

We support this vital legislation !!!

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Name: Jason Goldberg

Address: 733 Adams St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is Jason Goldberg and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Requiring proof of surgery, which I had to do 15 years ago, is a violation of my right to privacy and is frankly none of anyone's business as well as discriminatory and outdated. Especially relevant for me, as well as thousands of others, is the designation of a gender neutral signifier. This would much more accurately reflect my truth and experience as a person living in this world. The existing two options, M and F, do not fit me. They are inaccurate. Thank you for supporting this bill.

Name: Katie Gomez

Address: 1602 Pennsylvania St NE Apt A Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is Katie and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act! I am married to a transgender woman and I know by heart what updating outdated and discriminatory bills could do for her. And not just for her, but for many others out there as well. Please accept these changes and do what is right!

Name: Ronnie Gomez

Address: 2024 High St SE Zip: 87102

Comment:

My name is Ronnie Gomez and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act



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Name: Kelly Grace

Address: 1012 Camino Vista Aurora Zip: 87507

Comment:

My name is Kelly Sophia Grace and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I was born in Albuquerque in 1962. Back then being a different gender on the inside than what was put on one's birth certificate was something the many trans folks of my era just had to live with. Thankfully, it's a different world now. Finally I have the legal right to be the one that determines my gender...not the state. I will change my gender marker as soon as it's legal to do so. I am anxious to become who I already am and appreciate the opportunity to correct things. Thank you, Kelly

Name: Kimberly Griffis

Address: 931 1/2 Roybal St Zip: 87501

Comment:

I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act! This act will affirm the identities of people who are marginalized and impacted by discrimination every day. A step like this is a small move toward a healthier and more equal world for all people, in New Mexico and beyond. Thank you very much for your time and attention. blessings&take care, peace,kim g.

Name: Elene Gusch

Address: 622 Espanola St NE Zip: 87108

Comment:

I am a medical professional and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons, and this does not depend on their having surgery, hormonal treatment, or any other physical intervention to change their appearance. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Let's make things simple: People know what their gender is, so let them put it on their official records. No other complication is required. Thank you for your time and attention to creating clear and useful rules.



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Name: Teri Hackler

Address: 471 Arroyo Tenorio St Zip: 87505

Comment:

I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Finley Haines

Address: 13208 Calle Azul SE Zip: 87123

Comment:

My name is Finley and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Many trans people can't afford or have other health problems preventing surgery. Many of us are presenting so that a mismatched gender marker on our IDs can get us second-guessed or harrassed. I am personally very excited to not have to go through the awkward experience of checking the wrong box on forms.

Name: Janie Lee Hall

Address: 604 Country Club Dr Zip: 87301

Comment:

My name is Janie Lee Hall and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, and I encourage you to accept these changes.



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Name: L. Hibbs

Address: 2713 Charleston St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is L. Dianne Hibbs and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. I have friends who identify as transgender and I worry about their safety and about their marginalization. I truly believe this act will save lives as individuals are validated and recognized for who they are and feel worthy to live their lives contributing as citizens to our community and our country. Thank you!

Name: Emily Holzkecht

Address: 1500 Monte Largo Dr NE Zip: 87112

Comment:

Hello, My name is Emily Holzkecht and I strongly support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Allowing people to live their lives fully as their true gender is a form of suicide prevention. No one should have to have unnecessary and expensive surgery in order to have access to suicide prevention. This is true for people who identify as male or female as well as for people who do not identify as either and require a gender neutral sex designation. Allowing gender changes to birth certificates with self attestation is an easy way to extend our states suicide prevention efforts.

Name: Sharon Jonas

Address: FIRE STATION Rd Zip: 87031

Comment:

I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I encourage you to accept and help implement these changes. Thank you. Sharon Jonas Transgender people should be able to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons.



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Name: Alan Katzer

Address: 2700 Reynolda Rd Apt 1202 Zip: 27106

Comment:

None

Name: Stephanie Kauffman

Address: 892 Pecos Loop SE Zip: 87124

Comment:

My name is Stephanie L. Kauffman and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons.

Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is both antiquated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. -as a parent of a child who is non-binary, they experience a great deal of discrimination and being able to correctly identify would be remarkable. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes

Name: Abigail Kauffman

Address: 892 Pecos Loop SE Zip: 87124

Comment:

I'm nonbinary and I hate the F on my license, please let me change it.



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Name: Mercury Kincade

Address: 504 6th St N Zip: 87801

Comment:

My name is Mercury and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. As a non-binary person, this is personally relevant to me - especially having the option for a neutral gender marker and allowing self-attestation of gender identity. To be taken at my word and allowed to change my documents to affirm my gender identity would make me feel seen, supported, and proud to live in New Mexico. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Michael Korach

Address: 4804 Overland St NE Zip: 87109

Comment:

My name is Michael Korach and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Zachariah Laviolette

Address: 437 7th Ave NE Zip: 87124

Comment:

Getting your gender on your official birth certificate is huge for us trans people. When people are being separated into groups, you can show them your IDs too so they can't put you with the other people if you don't currently look like what you feel inside. I wouldn't have to worry much while going to the public restrooms either and that's a huge step in itself. Thank you for considering and for taking your time to read this.



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Name: Kathleen Leiting

Address: 6800 Los Prados Rd NW Zip: 87114

Comment:

I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act because transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. I think requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. New Mexico has and always will be an inclusive and enchanting place. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes and keep New Mexico True.

Name: Havens Levitt

Address: 6339 Goldfield Pl NE Zip: 87111

Comment:

My name is Havens Levitt. I fully support the proposed rules to implement the Vital Records Modernization Act. People deserve to live their lives authentically and their vital records must support that.

Name: Jim Macey

Address: 10 Old Oak Ln Zip: 87031

Comment:

Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons.



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Name: Catherine Madden

Address: 1220 San Marcos Dr Zip: 87004

Comment:

name is Catherine Madden and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. This also appears to be a possible HIPAA violation. Thank you for taking this under consideration.

Name: Jeffrey Maholtz

Address: 3217 Cochiti St NE Zip: 87144

Comment:

My name is Jeffrey Maholtz and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act

Name: Mona Malec

Address: 235 Itasca Rd SE Zip: 87124

Comment:

My name is Mon and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory.



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Name: Reece Martinez

Address: 504 Adirondack Pl SE Zip: 87123

Comment:

My name is Reece, and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Nyia McBride

Address: 5423 FM 517 Rd E Zip: 77539

Comment:

I had my information legally changed January 2019 in Texas where I live and haven't been able to get my passport without birth certificate so I can travel for surgery

Name: Lance McDaniel

Address: 9270 Eagle Ranch Rd NW Apt 1812 Zip: 87114

Comment:

My name is Lance McDaniel and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. About a year and a half ago I called my vital records office in Santa Fe and experienced the worst interaction I have ever had with a phone associate. I believe her name was Ruth. Anyways I was told that unless I had some sort of surgery to prove who I was there was no way I could change my first name on my birth certificate. I told her I was not calling to change my gender because I knew what rules applied there but to change my first name this was also needed. I called multiple times trying to talk to different people and kept getting the same person who became very rude hung up on me multiple times and said she would place a "lock" on my birth certificate so that I won't be able to make any changes in the future. I don't believe that making these types of changes should be this difficult when I've got a court order and social security card showing my name and have had these documents for years. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes to make the lives of many in New Mexico easier.





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Name: Rachel McHugh

Address: 625 Iron Ave SW Zip: 87102

Comment:

My name is Rachel McHugh. I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about the gender identity of an individual. Thank you for consideration of these changes.

Name: Marguerite Mestas

Address: 12201 Apache Ave NE Zip: 87112

Comment:

My name is Marguerite Mestas and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you, as a legislator of the people, to accept these changes.

Name: Monica Mestres

Address: 622 Cielo Vista Ct Zip: 88005

Comment:

Hello, I'm Monica Mestres. I am a trans woman living openly in Las Cruces. I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 Implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. We need to feel safe when we travel and have to identify ourselves. If our official identifications don't have our names and gender to reflect how we present and feel, our personal safety could be jeopardized. Trans woman don't want to have male on our official documents. Many of us don't have surgery because of costs, health issues, or advanced age. Some just prefer to not have surgery. We just want to live and contribute to our communities and be treated like other citizens of our state Thank you, for your time, I encourage you to accept these changes. Monica Mestres



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Name: Devere Myer

Address: PO Box 2313 Zip: 87413

Comment:

I was born intersex, raised as a male but now take estradiol for menopause in my latter years. (T won't work & I've never had beard growth.) It happens to some of us. I've so needed a change for sixty years.

Name: Ann Nihlen

Address: 5310 10th Ct NW Zip: 87107

Comment:

me is Ann Nihlen and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Dante Olivas

Address: 6424 Colleen Ave NE Zip: 87109

Comment:

My name is Dante Olivas and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.



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Name: Shaune Ostrander

Address: 3806 Gold St Apt 12 Zip: 87544

Comment:

My name is Shaune and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. This is important to me because transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. Finally, a gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Sara Peavey

Address: 5204 Wyoming Blvd NE Apt A19 Zip: 87111

Comment:

My name is Sara Peavey and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act

Name: Ramona Pedroncelli

Address: 5708 Eastern Ave SE Apt 15 Zip: 87108

Comment:

My name is, Ramona Pedroncelli and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons.



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Name: Shawn Penman

Address: 733 Truman St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is Shawn Penman and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Katherine Porterfield

Address: 9525 Dona Rowena Ave NE Zip: 87111

Comment:

My name is Katherine Porterfield and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Over the last 30 years I have had the pleasure of working with and having friends who were gender non-conforming. They are no different than you are I. For their safety and self assurance they need the ability to identify in which ever way they want. Please help make our world a safer place. Thank you for your time.

Name: Karen Pound

Address: 6828 Platt Pl NW Zip: 87114

Comment:

My name is _____ and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.



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Name: Andrea Quijada

Address: 6717 Baker Ave NE Zip: 87109

Comment:

My name is Andrea Quijada and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. I urge you to accept the changes and allow all New Mexicans to live with dignity.

Name: Tammy Ramirez Harmon

Address: 224 San Pablo St NE Apt 1 Zip: 87108

Comment:

My name is Tammy Ramirez Harmon and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. This act will save lives and improve safety for transgender people across our state and help to set an example of acceptance for our country as a whole. Thank you.

Name: Brian Rasmussen

Address: 209 Las Marias Dr SE Zip: 87124

Comment:

Hello, My name is Brian Rasmussen and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes. Sincerely, Brian Rasmussen



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Name: Richard Riger

Address: 1029 Nashville Ave SW Zip: 87105

Comment:

I stongly support the vital records modernization act, if you want my donations and vote to continue, act and vote accordingly.

Name: Beckham Rivera

Address: 12801 Indian School Rd NE Zip: 87112

Comment:

My name is Beckham Angelo Rivera and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. As a community attorney and advocate, I see first hand, the need for individuals to have documentation that reflects their identity. Identification documents are often used as a tool to discriminate against trans or queer individuals. This Act will not only protect but empower many New Mexicans. Thank you for your consideration. I hope that you accept these proposed changes.

Name: Emilia Robertson

Address: 2841 Madison St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is Emilia Grace Robertson, and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2, implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I know many trans people in this state, and rules requiring my friends to obtain expensive surgery from an out-of-state doctor to have their vital records reflect the gender they live as day-to-day are unnecessary, invasive, and discriminatory. Accordingly, I urge you to accept these changes. Thank you.



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Name: Ellen R. Robinson

Address: 1501 Tijeras Ave NE Apt 372W Zip: 87106

Comment:

Let people choose what they want to call themselves!

Name: Alice Rodgers

Address: 1038 Highway 485 Zip: 87024

Comment:

My name is Alice Rodgers and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Self attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration. I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Rachel Rodriguez

Address: 708 Amherst Dr NE Zip: 87106

Comment:

My name is Rachel N. Rodriguez, and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. Cisgender people are not required to provide proof of their gender identity, so it is discriminatory and outdated to require the same for transgender people. Thank you for your consideration. I strongly encourage you to accept these changes.



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Name: Luna Rodriguez

Address: 3536 Dakota St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is Luna Rodriguez and I am a transgender woman that was born in New Mexico and have lived here for almost my entire life. As it stands, the current legislation regarding name & gender marker changes is outdated and cumbersome. I wholeheartedly support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 and urge the State to act on behalf of its people.

Name: Sue Roujansky

Address: 13 Sandia Ln Zip: 87043

Comment:

My name is Sue and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Adrienne Salinger

Address: 3606 Calle Del Sol NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

My name is Adrienne Salinger and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.



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Name: Paul Sanchez

Address: 400 Cardenas Dr NE Zip: 87108

Comment:

As a subcontractor with the Dept of Health and trained in many aspects of Anti-Oppression we are as a population and especially healthcare professionals responsible for inclusivity at every turn. The transgender community is a vulnerable population targeted by violence and discrimination, it must come to an end and this effort is one piece of that effort. Paul Sanchez Policy Advisor and Government Affairs Constellation Consulting, LLC (505) 977-9598

Name: Terry Schleder

Address: 4949 Roma Ave NE Apt 32 Zip: 87108

Comment:

Please implement the Vital Records Modernization Act immediately, including the rule change supported by local and national transgender health groups. My name is Terry and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act because it's the right thing to do and will save lives.

Name: Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Address: 622 Graceland Dr SE Zip: 87108

Comment:

It is particularly important to specifically indicate on the form that "X" is available to Intersex individuals. This is important because there is no "Intersex" option as a gender category.



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Name: Jonathan Selfridge

Address: 4300 Bryn Mawr Dr NE Apt 39 Zip: 87107

Comment:

My name is Jonathan Selfridge and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I am transgender and working to continue living a productive life that benefits society as a whole. I love New Mexico and I love what our state has done to protect and provide opportunities for our community.

Name: Jonathan Seyfried

Address: 7700 Calle Meseta NE Zip: 87113

Comment:

I strongly believe that self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. I intend to look at the voting record of my representative/senator regarding this important bill.

Name: Frederick Snoy

Address: 729 Adobe Rd NW Zip: 87107

Comment:

I definitely endorse the implementation and the language in this plan! Bravo



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Name: Carmela Starace

Address: 3 Clint Rd Zip: 87571

Comment:

My name is Carmela Starace and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. My years as an attorney in New Mexico have taught me that Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Furthermore, requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Thank you for representing the position of your constituents. Carmela

Name: Sara Thorp

Address: 1105 Calle Del Ranchero NE Zip: 87106

Comment:

My name is Dr Sara Thorp, and as a physician caring for transgender and non-binary people, I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. I have seen the harm to my patients when they have i.d. that does not match their expressed gender, and have noticed the clear differences in anxiety levels among my patients in New Mexico compared to my prior patients in California (which already revised laws to allow gender-congruent identification.) For my patients' safety and well being, I encourage you to immediately accept the rule change to NMAC 7.2.2. Thank you!

Name: M W

Address: Abq Zip: 87120

Comment:

Please support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act for all people. It's the humane thing to do for all ... Thank you for your time and consideration



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Name: Dawn Warnack

Address: 10927 Pasquale Dr NW Zip: 87114

Comment:

My name is Dawn Warnack and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Ruth Warner

Address: 1034 La Font Rd SW Zip: 87105

Comment:

My name is Ruth Warner and I support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2, which would implement the Vital Records Modernization Act. It is important to update this act to allow people to be designated according to their own gender identity. Self-attestation achieves this, and avoids discrimination against non-binary folks. It is important to include a gender neutral designation on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, and for moving forward with the times! Ruth

Name: Allison Waterman

Address: 1601 N Virginia St Apt 27 Zip: 88061

Comment:

My name is Allison Waterman and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need the correct sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is not only outdated, but also extremely discriminatory. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. My youngest son is transgender. I worry for him on a daily basis because of the discrimination and violence that is so prevalent in our society today. Things have to change. I can't keep him safe alone. He's in his first year of college in a different state. I worry for him everyday that something bad is going to happen to him. Changing our laws to protect



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and respect transgender people is vital to their safety and well being. I believe that I don't have to personally understand what being transgender is all about, although I am a member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and have gone to conferences, workshops, and read extensive literature to try to understand as best I can, to be helpful. I believe that everyone deserves the right to privacy, respect, and liberty, regardless of what gender they identify as. Thank you so much for your consideration and I strongly encourage you to accept these changes. I am not in a position to be able to help my son in this way, but you are. Please help my child be safe and live his best life. Very Sincerely, Allison Waterman



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Name: Ainsley Skye Waters

Address: 1400 Adams St NE Zip: 87110

Comment:

Please stand on the right side of history!

Name: Michelle Watkins

Address: 3116 Vista Maravillosa NW Apt 3 Zip: 87120

Comment:

My name is Michelle Watkins, and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons. Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory.

Name: Landra White

Address: 325 Shannon Pl NW Zip: 87107

Comment:

I support the rule changes in the Vital Records Modernization Act. I have friends who have made sex changes and have had fewer obstacles in other states than NM now requires. We need to treat people with dignity and respect, especially in this critical area.



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Name: Blaine Wimberly

Address: 3368 Governor Miles Rd Zip: 87507

Comment:

I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Self-attestation reflects the most accurate information about a person's gender identity. A gender neutral sex designation is important to ensure accuracy and privacy on vital records. Thank you for your consideration, I encourage you to accept these changes.

Name: Anna Woltman

Address: 704 Laguayra Dr NE Zip: 87108

Comment:

My name is Anna Woltman and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the sex designation on their birth certificates for practical, personal, and safety reasons.

Name: Anastasio Wrobel

Address: 4029 Los Milagros Zip: 87507

Comment:

My name is Anastasio, they/them pronouns, and I fully support the proposed rule change to NMAC 7.2.2 implementing the Vital Records Modernization Act. Allowing people to affirm their own identity is suicide prevention, it is a show of respect, and it is a way to step more seriously into an equitable future for all of us to partake in. I encourage you to accept these changes and thank you so much for your support and action in affirming transgender peoples right to self-affirm!
