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Regardless of the availability of federal funding, we write to further remind you of your obligations to comply with New York State laws, including those that prohibit discrimination against individuals based on their membership in a protected class… Electing to refuse services to a class of individuals based on their protected status, such as withholding the availability of services from transgender individuals based on their gender identity or their diagnosis of gender dysphoria, while offering such services to cisgender individuals, is discrimination under New York law.

— New York Attorney General Letitia James in a letter to New York hospitals warning them not to discontinue gender affirming care for transgender people. Donald Trump recently signed an Executive Order threatening to cut funding and grants to medical institutions that provide gender affirming care for anyone under 19. As a consequence, hospitals in a number of states have suspended transgender care.

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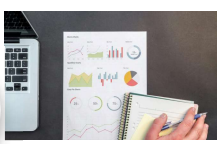

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