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Opening up the state as a sanctuary state for minors obtaining abortions and gender reassignment therapy will just add to the healthcare crisis we already have in Maine. We do not have enough providers in the state to care for the children that we currently have. When calling an office to enroll a new patient, the offices state that they do not have providers accepting new patients. We were told that for one of my children, we would need to find a new office. The child's provider left the office and no other providers were accepting new patients.

With the gender reassignments, the individual is followed by a mental health provider. As evidenced by the Lewiston shooter, we do not have appropriate or enough mental health providers in the state. The few we do have are doing there best, but we are lacking for mental health services in Maine.