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Dear Ms. Deckers,

In response to your request for clarification about some of the content of the WPATH Standards of Care (SOC), version 7, we would like to emphasize that nowhere in the Standards of Care is it implied that medically necessary services must be provided only by multidisciplinary clinics. In fact, we recognize that while transgender medicine is inherently a multidisciplinary endeavor, it is often impractical and illogical to limit service providers in this way. Instead, we encourage practitioners of all the specialties involved to understand the scope of care required by their patients, including that care which they do not provide, and to avail themselves of communication with other specialists as necessary to promote their patient's well-being, regardless of any provider's location or institutional affiliation.

We hope that this clarification can be helpful to you in response to your insurance company's denials of coverage.

Kindest Regards,  
The WPATH Board of Directors