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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 Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory.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.

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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.

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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 Requiring proof of surgery or any other specific medical treatment is outdated and discriminatory.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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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  
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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. It is 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 appalling escalates 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, entertain, and demand you to accept these changes.

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**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

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**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.

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**Name: Paula Bid’daum**  
Address: 4604 Fairfax Dr NW Apt A  Zip: 87114  
Comment:  
I support
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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!
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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.

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**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.

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**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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!!
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

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 Montclare 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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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

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**Name: Jessica Dwyer**  
Address: 6109 Brenda Ave NE  
Zip: 87109  
Comment:  
Ones humanity is not defined by race, creed or gender.

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**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 and allow them to live the happiest, most authentic life possible. I encourage you to accept these changes.

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**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.

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**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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 !!!

**Name: Jean And Dr. James Genasci**  
Address: 3091 Mill Vista Rd Unit CC1601  Zip: 80129  
Comment:  
We support this vital legislation !!!
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**Name: Jason Goldbarg**  
Address: 733 Adams St NE  Zip: 87110  
Comment:  
My name is Jason Goldbarg 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
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**Name: Teri Hackler**  
Address: 471 Arroyo Tenorio St  Zip: 87505  
Comment:  
I encourage you to accept these changes.

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**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.

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**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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!

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**Name: Emily Holzknecht**  
Address: 1500 Monte Largo Dr NE  
Zip: 87112  
Comment:  
Hello, My name is Emily Holzknecht 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.

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**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."
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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.

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**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 live authentically and their vital records must support that.

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**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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.

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**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

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**Name: Mona Malec**  
Address: 235 Itasca Rd SE  
Zip: 87124  
Comment:  
My name is Mona Malec 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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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.

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**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.

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**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. (It 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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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 or 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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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.

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**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.

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**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
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**Name: Richard Riger**  
Address: 1029 Nashville Ave SW  Zip: 87105  
Comment:  
I strongly support the vital records modernization act, if you want my donations and vote to continue, act and vote accordingly.

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**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.

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**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**Name: Ellen R. Robinson**
Address: 1501 Tijeras Ave NE Apt 372W   Zip: 87106
Comment:
Let people choose what the want to call themselves!

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**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 implementating the Vita Records Modernization Act. Transgender people may need to correct the yes designation on their birth certificates for practical, person, 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 fro your consideration. I encourage to accept these changes.

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**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

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

Name: Adrienne Salingar
Address: 3606 Calle Del Sol NE  Zip: 87110
Comment:
My name is Adrienne Salingar 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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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 changed 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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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

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**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!

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**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
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**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
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
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

**Name: Ainsley Skye Waters**  
Address: 1400 Adams St NE  Zip: 87110  
Comment:  
Please stand on the right side of history!

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**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.

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**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.
The following comments were collected by Equality New Mexico, the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the National Center for Transgender Equality, in support of the proposed changes to NMAC 7.2.2. We received permission from each of the following people to submit for the record their comments.

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 Lagueyra 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!