

1 AN ACT relating to children's health.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *As used in Sections 1 to 5 of this Act:*

6 *(1) "Biological sex" means the biological indication of male and female in the*
7 *context of reproductive potential or capacity, such as sex chromosomes, naturally*
8 *occurring sex hormones, gonads, and nonambiguous internal and external*
9 *genitalia present at birth, without regard to a person's psychological, chosen, or*
10 *subjective experience of gender;*

11 *(2) "Cross-sex hormones" means:*

12 *(a) Testosterone or other androgens given to biological females in amounts that*
13 *are larger or more potent than would normally occur naturally in healthy*
14 *biological females; and*

15 *(b) Estrogen given to biological males in amounts that are larger or more*
16 *potent than would normally occur naturally in healthy biological males;*

17 *(3) "Gender" means the psychological, behavioral, social, and cultural aspects of*
18 *being male or female;*

19 *(4) "Gender reassignment surgery" means any medical or surgical service that seeks*
20 *to surgically alter or remove healthy physical or anatomical characteristics or*
21 *features that are typical for the person's biological sex in order to instill or create*
22 *physiological or anatomical characteristics that resemble a sex different from the*
23 *person's biological sex, including but not limited to genital or nongenital gender*
24 *reassignment surgery performed for the purpose of assisting a person with a*
25 *gender transition;*

26 *(5) "Gender transition" means the process in which a person goes from identifying*
27 *with and living as a gender that corresponds to his or her biological sex to*

1 identifying with and living as a gender different from his or her biological sex,
2 and may involve social, legal, or physical changes;

3 (6) (a) "Gender transition procedures" means any medical or surgical service
4 provided or performed for the purpose of assisting a person with a physical
5 gender transition. Gender transition procedures include but are not limited
6 to physician's services, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, puberty-
7 blocking drugs, cross-sex hormones, or genital or nongenital gender
8 reassignment surgery.

9 (b) Gender transition procedures do not include:

10 1. Services to persons born with a medically verifiable disorder of sex
11 development, including a person with unresolvable, ambiguous
12 external biological sex characteristics, such as those born with forty-
13 six (46) XX chromosomes with virilization, forty-six (46) XY
14 chromosomes with undervirilization, or having both ovarian and
15 testicular tissue;

16 2. Services provided when a physician has otherwise diagnosed a
17 disorder of sexual development that the physician has determined
18 through genetic or biochemical testing indicates that a person does not
19 have normal sex chromosome structure, sex steroid production, or sex
20 steroid hormone action;

21 3. The acute and chronic treatment of any infection, injury, disease, or
22 disorder that has been caused by or exacerbated by the performance of
23 gender transition procedures, whether or not the gender transition
24 procedure was performed in accordance with state and federal law or
25 whether or not funding for the gender transition procedure is
26 permissible under Sections 1 to 5 of this Act; or

27 4. Any procedure undertaken because a person suffers from a physical

1 disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by
 2 a physician, place the person in imminent danger of death or
 3 impairment of major bodily function unless surgery is performed;

4 (7) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in KRS 304.17A-005;

5 (8) "Nongenital gender reassignment surgery" means medical procedures performed
 6 for the purpose of assisting a person with a physical gender transition, including
 7 but not limited to:

8 (a) Surgical procedures for biologically male patients, such as augmentation
 9 mammoplasty, facial feminization surgery, liposuction, lipofilling, voice
 10 feminization surgery, thyroid cartilage reduction, gluteal augmentation,
 11 hair reconstruction, or various aesthetic procedures; or

12 (b) Surgical procedures for biologically female patients, such as subcutaneous
 13 mastectomy, voice masculinization surgery, liposuction, lipofilling, pectoral
 14 implants, or various aesthetic procedures;

15 (9) "Physician" has the same meaning as in KRS 311.550;

16 (10) "Puberty-blocking drugs" means gonadotropin-releasing hormone analogues or
 17 other synthetic drugs used in biological males to stop luteinizing hormone
 18 secretion and therefore testosterone secretion, or synthetic drugs used in
 19 biological females which stop the production of estrogen and progesterone, when
 20 used to delay or suppress pubertal development in children for the purpose of
 21 assisting a child with a gender transition; and

22 (11) "Public funds" means the same as in KRS 446.010.

23 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 IS CREATED TO
 24 READ AS FOLLOWS:

25 (1) A physician or other health care provider shall not provide gender transition
 26 procedures to any child under the age of eighteen (18) years.

27 (2) A physician or other health care provider shall not refer any child under the age

1 of eighteen (18) years to any health care provider for gender transition
2 procedures.

3 (3) Any referral for or provision of gender transition procedures to a child under the
4 age of eighteen (18) years by a health care provider shall be considered
5 unprofessional conduct and be subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate
6 licensing or certifying entity.

7 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 IS CREATED TO
8 READ AS FOLLOWS:

9 (1) Any violation of Section 2 of this Act shall be deemed as acting recklessly as
10 defined in KRS 501.020 for purposes of tort claims.

11 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, for any violation
12 of Section 2 of this Act, the action may be brought by the child's parent or
13 guardian before the child attains age eighteen (18) years and may be brought by
14 the child within thirty (30) years after the child attains the age of eighteen (18)
15 years except:

16 (a) If at the time the child attains the age of eighteen (18) years he or she is
17 under other legal disability, the limitation period shall not begin to run until
18 the removal of the disability; or

19 (b) If during any period of time the person is subject to threats, intimidation,
20 manipulation, fraudulent concealment, or fraud perpetrated by the
21 physician or health care provider who prescribed or otherwise provided
22 gender transition procedures or by any person acting in the interest of the
23 physician or other health care provider, the limitation period shall not run
24 during this time period.

25 (3) A person may assert an actual or threatened violation of Section 2 of this Act as a
26 claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

27 (4) In an action brought under this section:

1 (a) If the plaintiff prevails, he or she shall be entitled to reasonable costs and
 2 attorney's fees;

3 (b) Punitive damages as well as compensatory damages shall be awardable,
 4 including but not limited to:

5 1. Pain and suffering;

6 2. Loss of reputation;

7 3. Loss of income; and

8 4. Loss of consortium, including the loss of expectation of sharing
 9 parenthood; and

10 (c) Injunctive, declaratory, and any other appropriate relief may be awarded.

11 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an action under this
 12 section may be commenced, and relief may be granted, in a judicial proceeding
 13 without regard to whether the person commencing the action has sought or
 14 exhausted available administrative remedies.

15 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 IS CREATED TO
 16 READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 (1) Public funds shall not be directly or indirectly used, granted, paid, or distributed
 18 to any entity, organization, or person that provides gender transition procedures
 19 to a child under the age of eighteen (18) years.

20 (2) Any amount paid by a person or an entity for the provision of gender transition
 21 procedures or as premiums for health care coverage that includes coverage for
 22 gender transition procedures shall not be exempt from taxation.

23 (3) Health care services provided to a child under the age of eighteen (18) years shall
 24 not include gender transition procedures if provided:

25 (a) In a facility owned by the state or a county or local government; or

26 (b) By a physician or other health care provider employed by the state or a
 27 county or local government.

1 ➔SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 IS CREATED TO
2 READ AS FOLLOWS:

3 *(1) The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce compliance with Sections 1*
4 *to 5 of this Act.*

5 *(2) Nothing in Sections 1 to 5 of this Act shall deny, impair, or otherwise affect any*
6 *right or authority of the Attorney General, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or*
7 *any agency, officer, or employee of the state, acting under any other law other, to*
8 *institute or intervene in any proceeding.*

9 *(3) The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by resolution, may*
10 *appoint one (1) or more of its members who sponsored or cosponsored Sections 1*
11 *to 5 of this Act in his or her official capacity to intervene as a matter of right in*
12 *any case to which the constitutionality or enforceability of Sections 1 to 5 of this*
13 *Act is challenged.*

14 ➔SECTION 6. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO
15 READ AS FOLLOWS:

16 *The Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization contracted*
17 *to provide Medicaid benefits pursuant to this chapter shall not reimburse or provide*
18 *coverage for gender transition procedures as defined in Section 1 of this Act to a child*
19 *under the age of eighteen (18) years.*

20 ➔SECTION 7. A NEW SECTION OF ARTICLE 17A OF KRS CHAPTER 304
21 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

22 *(1) As used in this section, "gender transition procedures" has the same meaning as*
23 *in Section 1 of this Act.*

24 *(2) Health benefit plans shall not be required to provide coverage for gender*
25 *transition procedures.*

26 *(3) If a health benefit plan elects to provide coverage for gender transition*
27 *procedures, the plan shall not include coverage for gender transition procedures*

1 *for a child under the age of eighteen (18) years.*

2 ➔Section 8. KRS 141.019 is amended to read as follows:

3 In the case of taxpayers other than corporations:

4 (1) Adjusted gross income shall be calculated by subtracting from the gross income of
5 those taxpayers the deductions allowed individuals by Section 62 of the Internal
6 Revenue Code and adjusting as follows:

7 (a) Exclude income that is exempt from state taxation by the Kentucky
8 Constitution and the Constitution and statutory laws of the United States;

9 (b) Exclude income from supplemental annuities provided by the Railroad
10 Retirement Act of 1937 as amended and which are subject to federal income
11 tax by Pub. L. No. 89-699;

12 (c) Include interest income derived from obligations of sister states and political
13 subdivisions thereof;

14 (d) Exclude employee pension contributions picked up as provided for in KRS
15 6.505, 16.545, 21.360, 61.523, 61.560, 65.155, 67A.320, 67A.510, 78.610,
16 and 161.540 upon a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service or the federal
17 courts that these contributions shall not be included as gross income until such
18 time as the contributions are distributed or made available to the employee;

19 (e) Exclude Social Security and railroad retirement benefits subject to federal
20 income tax;

21 (f) Exclude any money received because of a settlement or judgment in a lawsuit
22 brought against a manufacturer or distributor of "Agent Orange" for damages
23 resulting from exposure to Agent Orange by a member or veteran of the
24 Armed Forces of the United States or any dependent of such person who
25 served in Vietnam;

26 (g) 1. a. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, but before
27 January 1, 2018, exclude up to forty-one thousand one hundred ten

1 dollars (\$41,110) of total distributions from pension plans, annuity
2 contracts, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee
3 savings plans; and

4 b. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, exclude
5 up to thirty-one thousand one hundred ten dollars (\$31,110) of
6 total distributions from pension plans, annuity contracts, profit-
7 sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee savings plans.

8 2. As used in this paragraph:

9 a. "Annuity contract" has the same meaning as set forth in Section
10 1035 of the Internal Revenue Code;

11 b. "Distributions" includes but is not limited to any lump-sum
12 distribution from pension or profit-sharing plans qualifying for the
13 income tax averaging provisions of Section 402 of the Internal
14 Revenue Code; any distribution from an individual retirement
15 account as defined in Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code;
16 and any disability pension distribution; and

17 c. "Pension plans, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee
18 savings plans" means any trust or other entity created or organized
19 under a written retirement plan and forming part of a stock bonus,
20 pension, or profit-sharing plan of a public or private employer for
21 the exclusive benefit of employees or their beneficiaries and
22 includes plans qualified or unqualified under Section 401 of the
23 Internal Revenue Code and individual retirement accounts as
24 defined in Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code;

25 (h) 1. a. Exclude the portion of the distributive share of a shareholder's net
26 income from an S corporation subject to the franchise tax imposed
27 under KRS 136.505 or the capital stock tax imposed under KRS

- 1 136.300; and
- 2 b. Exclude the portion of the distributive share of a shareholder's net
- 3 income from an S corporation related to a qualified subchapter S
- 4 subsidiary subject to the franchise tax imposed under KRS
- 5 136.505 or the capital stock tax imposed under KRS 136.300.
- 6 2. The shareholder's basis of stock held in an S corporation where the S
- 7 corporation or its qualified subchapter S subsidiary is subject to the
- 8 franchise tax imposed under KRS 136.505 or the capital stock tax
- 9 imposed under KRS 136.300 shall be the same as the basis for federal
- 10 income tax purposes;
- 11 (i) Exclude income received for services performed as a precinct worker for
- 12 election training or for working at election booths in state, county, and local
- 13 primaries or regular or special elections;
- 14 (j) Exclude any capital gains income attributable to property taken by eminent
- 15 domain;
- 16 (k) 1. Exclude all income from all sources for members of the Armed Forces
- 17 who are on active duty and who are killed in the line of duty, for the year
- 18 during which the death occurred and the year prior to the year during
- 19 which the death occurred.
- 20 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, "all income from all sources" shall
- 21 include all federal and state death benefits payable to the estate or any
- 22 beneficiaries;
- 23 (l) Exclude all military pay received by members of the Armed Forces while on
- 24 active duty;
- 25 (m) 1. Include the amount deducted for depreciation under 26 U.S.C. sec. 167
- 26 or 168; and
- 27 2. Exclude the amounts allowed by KRS 141.0101 for depreciation;

- 1 (n) Include the amount deducted under 26 U.S.C. sec. 199A;
- 2 (o) Ignore any change in the cost basis of the surviving spouse's share of property
3 owned by a Kentucky community property trust occurring for federal income
4 tax purposes as a result of the death of the predeceasing spouse;~~and~~
- 5 (p) Allow the same treatment allowed under Pub. L. No. 116-260, secs. 276 and
6 278, related to the tax treatment of forgiven covered loans, deductions
7 attributable to those loans, and tax attributes associated with those loans for
8 taxable years ending on or after March 27, 2020, but before January 1, 2022;
9 and
- 10 **(q) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, include any**
11 **amount paid for the provision of gender transition procedures or as**
12 **premiums for health care coverage that includes coverage for gender**
13 **transition procedures. In this paragraph, "gender transition procedures"**
14 **has the same meaning as in Section 1 of this Act; and**
- 15 (2) Net income shall be calculated by subtracting from adjusted gross income all the
16 deductions allowed individuals by Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code, as
17 modified by KRS 141.0101, except:
- 18 (a) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 164 for taxes;
- 19 (b) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 165 for losses, except wagering
20 losses allowed under Section 165(d) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 21 (c) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 213 for medical care expenses;
- 22 (d) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 217 for moving expenses;
- 23 (e) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 67 for any other miscellaneous
24 deduction;
- 25 (f) Any deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Code for amounts allowable
26 under KRS 140.090(1)(h) in calculating the value of the distributive shares of
27 the estate of a decedent, unless there is filed with the income return a

1 statement that the deduction has not been claimed under KRS 140.090(1)(h);

2 (g) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 151 for personal exemptions and
3 any other deductions in lieu thereof;

4 (h) Any deduction allowed for amounts paid to any club, organization, or
5 establishment which has been determined by the courts or an agency
6 established by the General Assembly and charged with enforcing the civil
7 rights laws of the Commonwealth, not to afford full and equal membership
8 and full and equal enjoyment of its goods, services, facilities, privileges,
9 advantages, or accommodations to any person because of race, color, religion,
10 national origin, or sex, except nothing shall be construed to deny a deduction
11 for amounts paid to any religious or denominational club, group, or
12 establishment or any organization operated solely for charitable or educational
13 purposes which restricts membership to persons of the same religion or
14 denomination in order to promote the religious principles for which it is
15 established and maintained; and

16 (i) A taxpayer may elect to claim the standard deduction allowed by KRS
17 141.081 instead of itemized deductions allowed pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 63
18 and as modified by this section.

19 ➔Section 9. KRS 141.039 is amended to read as follows:

20 In the case of corporations:

21 (1) Gross income shall be calculated by adjusting federal gross income as defined in
22 Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code as follows:

23 (a) Exclude income that is exempt from state taxation by the Kentucky
24 Constitution and the Constitution and statutory laws of the United States;

25 (b) Exclude all dividend income;

26 (c) Include interest income derived from obligations of sister states and political
27 subdivisions thereof;

- 1 (d) Exclude fifty percent (50%) of gross income derived from any disposal of coal
2 covered by Section 631(c) of the Internal Revenue Code if the corporation
3 does not claim any deduction for percentage depletion, or for expenditures
4 attributable to the making and administering of the contract under which such
5 disposition occurs or to the preservation of the economic interests retained
6 under such contract;
- 7 (e) Include the amount calculated under KRS 141.205;
- 8 (f) Ignore the provisions of Section 281 of the Internal Revenue Code in
9 computing gross income;
- 10 (g) Include the amount of depreciation deduction calculated under 26 U.S.C. sec.
11 167 or 168;~~and~~
- 12 (h) Allow the same treatment allowed under Pub. L. No. 116-260, secs. 276 and
13 278, related to the tax treatment of forgiven covered loans, deductions
14 attributable to those loans, and tax attributes associated with those loans for
15 taxable years ending on or after March 27, 2020, but before January 1, 2022;
16 and
- 17 **(i) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, include any**
18 **amount paid for the provision of gender transition procedures or as**
19 **premiums for health care coverage that includes coverage for gender**
20 **transition procedures. In this paragraph, "gender transition procedures"**
21 **has the same meaning as in Section 1 of this Act; and**
- 22 (2) Net income shall be calculated by subtracting from gross income:
- 23 (a) The deduction for depreciation allowed by KRS 141.0101;
- 24 (b) Any amount paid for vouchers or similar instruments that provide health
25 insurance coverage to employees or their families;
- 26 (c) All the deductions from gross income allowed corporations by Chapter 1 of
27 the Internal Revenue Code, as modified by KRS 141.0101, except:

- 1 1. Any deduction for a state tax which is computed, in whole or in part, by
2 reference to gross or net income and which is paid or accrued to any
3 state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
4 of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, or to any
5 foreign country or political subdivision thereof;
- 6 2. The deductions contained in Sections 243, 245, and 247 of the Internal
7 Revenue Code;
- 8 3. The provisions of Section 281 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
9 ignored in computing net income;
- 10 4. Any deduction directly or indirectly allocable to income which is either
11 exempt from taxation or otherwise not taxed under the provisions of this
12 chapter, except for deductions allowed under Pub. L. No. 116-260, secs.
13 276 and 278, related to the tax treatment of forgiven covered loans and
14 deductions attributable to those loans for taxable years ending on or after
15 March 27, 2020, but before January 1, 2022, and nothing in this chapter
16 shall be construed to permit the same item to be deducted more than
17 once;
- 18 5. Any deduction for amounts paid to any club, organization, or
19 establishment which has been determined by the courts or an agency
20 established by the General Assembly and charged with enforcing the
21 civil rights laws of the Commonwealth, not to afford full and equal
22 membership and full and equal enjoyment of its goods, services,
23 facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to any person
24 because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, except nothing
25 shall be construed to deny a deduction for amounts paid to any religious
26 or denominational club, group, or establishment or any organization
27 operated solely for charitable or educational purposes which restricts

- 1 membership to persons of the same religion or denomination in order to
2 promote the religious principles for which it is established and
3 maintained;
- 4 6. Any deduction prohibited by KRS 141.205; and
5 7. Any dividends-paid deduction of any captive real estate investment trust;
6 and
- 7 (d) 1. A deferred tax deduction in an amount computed in accordance with this
8 paragraph.
- 9 2. For purposes of this paragraph:
- 10 a. "Net deferred tax asset" means that deferred tax assets exceed the
11 deferred tax liabilities of the combined group, as computed in
12 accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the
13 United States of America; and
- 14 b. "Net deferred tax liability" means deferred tax liabilities that
15 exceed the deferred tax assets of a combined group as defined in
16 KRS 141.202, as computed in accordance with accounting
17 principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 18 3. Only publicly traded companies, including affiliated corporations
19 participating in the filing of a publicly traded company's financial
20 statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally
21 accepted in the United States of America, as of January 1, 2019, shall be
22 eligible for this deduction.
- 23 4. If the provisions of KRS 141.202 result in an aggregate increase to the
24 member's net deferred tax liability, an aggregate decrease to the
25 member's net deferred tax asset, or an aggregate change from a net
26 deferred tax asset to a net deferred tax liability, the combined group
27 shall be entitled to a deduction, as determined in this paragraph.

- 1 5. For ten (10) years beginning with the combined group's first taxable year
2 beginning on or after January 1, 2024, a combined group shall be
3 entitled to a deduction from the combined group's entire net income
4 equal to one-tenth (1/10) of the amount necessary to offset the increase
5 in the net deferred tax liability, decrease in the net deferred tax asset, or
6 aggregate change from a net deferred tax asset to a net deferred tax
7 liability. The increase in the net deferred tax liability, decrease in the net
8 deferred tax asset, or the aggregate change from a net deferred tax asset
9 to a net deferred tax liability shall be computed based on the change that
10 would result from the imposition of the combined reporting requirement
11 under KRS 141.202, but for the deduction provided under this paragraph
12 as of June 27, 2019.
- 13 6. The deferred tax impact determined in subparagraph 5. of this paragraph
14 shall be converted to the annual deferred tax deduction amount, as
15 follows:
- 16 a. The deferred tax impact determined in subparagraph 5. of this
17 paragraph shall be divided by the tax rate determined under KRS
18 141.040;
- 19 b. The resulting amount shall be further divided by the apportionment
20 factor determined by KRS 141.120 or 141.121 that was used by the
21 combined group in the calculation of the deferred tax assets and
22 deferred tax liabilities as described in subparagraph 5. of this
23 paragraph; and
- 24 c. The resulting amount represents the total net deferred tax
25 deduction available over the ten (10) year period as described in
26 subparagraph 5. of this paragraph.
- 27 7. The deduction calculated under this paragraph shall not be adjusted as a

1 result of any events happening subsequent to the calculation, including
2 but not limited to any disposition or abandonment of assets. The
3 deduction shall be calculated without regard to the federal tax effect and
4 shall not alter the tax basis of any asset. If the deduction under this
5 section is greater than the combined group's entire Kentucky net income,
6 any excess deduction shall be carried forward and applied as a deduction
7 to the combined group's entire net income in future taxable years until
8 fully utilized.

9 8. Any combined group intending to claim a deduction under this
10 paragraph shall file a statement with the department on or before July 1,
11 2019. The statement shall specify the total amount of the deduction
12 which the combined group claims on the form, including calculations
13 and other information supporting the total amounts of the deduction as
14 required by the department. No deduction shall be allowed under this
15 paragraph for any taxable year, except to the extent claimed on the
16 timely filed statement in accordance with this paragraph.

17 ➔Section 10. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person
18 or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or
19 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
20 application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

21 ➔Section 11. This Act may be cited as the Kentucky's Children Deserve Help Not
22 Harm Act.

23 ➔Section 12. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2023, so that children in this
24 state currently using puberty-blocking drugs or cross-sex hormones have time for
25 appropriate medication tapering and discontinuation under the care of their physician or
26 other health care provider.