

Federal Judge Sides with Mississippi and Strikes Down Biden-Era Gender Identity Policies



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(Jackson, Mississippi) Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch and Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti announced a victory in a multistate lawsuit challenging a Biden-era HHS rule that would have coerced healthcare providers into providing sex-change procedures. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi agreed with the fifteen-state coalition that HHS exceeded its authority by redefining unlawful "sex" discrimination under the Affordable Care Act to include discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."

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The Court explains, "Congress only contemplated biological sex when it enacted Title IX in 1972. Therefore, the Court finds that HHS exceeded its authority by implementing regulations redefining sex discrimination and prohibiting gender-identity discrimination."

Along with Mississippi and Tennessee, Attorneys General from Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, and West Virginia participated. The Court ordered universal vacatur, applying to all states, not just the plaintiff-states.

A copy of the final order can be found [**here**](#).

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