

New procedure for medical interventions on intersex children and legal gender recognition in the Russian Federation.¹

Medical interventions modifying sex characteristics	Legal gender recognition	
“ Decision on the admissibility of medical interventions related to the treatment of congenital anomalies (malformations), genetic and endocrine diseases associated with disorders of the formation of genital organs in children”	“ Opinion on the conformity of the person’s sex characteristics to the characteristics of a particular sex”	
is issued by a medical commission, which includes an obstetrician-gynaecologist, geneticist, child urologist-andrologist, child endocrinologist, paediatrician, child psychiatrist, and medical psychologist, in one of the following medical organizations: "National Medical Research Center for Endocrinology"; "Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University"; "Kulakov National Medical Research Center for Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Perinatology"; "National Medical Research Center for Children's Health"; and "St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University" ² to		
intersex children	persons	
based on the examination of the patient and analysis of documents confirming the		
medical indications for medical interventions	performance of medical interventions based on the decision of the medical commission.	performance of surgery aimed to modify sex characteristics before July 24, 2023.

A person or parents (legal representatives) of a person under 15 years of age shall submit the following documents:

1. Identity documents and insurance numbers. Parents and legal representatives of a child under 15 years of age submit a document confirming their authorization, and in case of a child over 15 years of age – parents’ contact information.		
2. Extract from the patient's medical records, certified by the signatures of the attending physician and head and the seal of the medical organization (which issued the referral for medical interventions or in which the medical interventions were performed), which contains the code of the principal diagnosis per the ICD; information about the state of health; results of laboratory, instrumental and other studies confirming the following		
presence of medical indications for medical interventions;	the conformity of a person's sex characteristics to those of a particular sex; and information on the performance of medical interventions and their results.	
3. Referral by the medical commission of the medical organization in which the minor receives primary medical and sanitary care or specialized medical care.	3. If the documents are submitted to another commission, the previous decision of the medical commission must also be submitted.	

A hard copy of the decision or opinion shall be issued to

Adults - directly; children from 15 to 18 - directly, but with parental notification; children under 15 - to their parents or legal representatives within no more than 3 working days from the date of medical commission’s examination of a minor.	on the day of the meeting of the medical commission.
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