

Response to reviewer-1:

We changed the title to include the policy.

1. We removed our references to Kingdon in the manuscript.
2. The sentence was revised.
3. In the section titled “Comparison of Transgender and Cisgender Military Healthcare” we address and compare trans and cisgender military healthcare.

We included the definition of gender-diverse individuals in the manuscript. “The term ‘gender diverse’ is used to describe individuals whose gender identity or expression does not conform to the traditional framework of society’s gender binary.”

We believe that “military shaveis” and “str” was something created by technological errors when we converted our document from Word to PDF. We thoroughly read our PDF version, so that this errors and errors like this do not occur again.

Response to reviewer-2:

“It important to distinguish between trans individuals and individuals diagnosed with gender dysphoria. The term ‘transgender’ or ‘trans’ refers to individuals whose gender identity, how they personally identify and feel aligned, differs from the sex assigned to them at birth. In contrast, gender dysphoria is a medical condition characterized by “clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning” related to the “marked incongruence between one’s experienced/expressed gender and assigned gender” (APA, 2022, p. 513). Not all trans individuals experience gender dysphoria, and identifying as transgender does not inherently mean an individual has gender dysphoria.”

We revised our draft to combine areas with similar points.

We appreciate this feedback and added this point in the discussion section.