

February 17, 2022

Jerry Cox
Family Council
414 South Pulaski, Suite 2
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Cox:

I am writing in response to a request you made to Hilary DeMillo by email on Monday, February 14, 2022, under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") for information related to treatment with a hormone, hormone suppressant, and/or pubertal blocker for three specific conditions. This request is improper under the FOIA for the following reasons.

First, Arkansas Children's Hospital ("ACH") is not an entity subject to the state FOIA. Accordingly, ACH rejects, in its entirety, your request for access to ACH records under the FOIA. ACH's position is substantially justified based on the FOIA, governing case law, and Arkansas Attorney General Opinions.

Second, the documents you have requested are not "public records" under the FOIA.

Third, your request is overly broad in that it requests any and all information made available to patients or their parents or guardians for the past five years.

Finally, your request was not made to the custodian of the requested records.

Notwithstanding these objections, we are working to identify documents that may be responsive to your request that are otherwise publicly available. Should we identify such documents, we will provide those to you as a courtesy. By sending this correspondence and supplementing it with other documents and information, ACH does not waive the above-stated or any other objection to this FOIA request available to it under the law.

Sincerely,



Brent L. Thompson

Executive Vice President
Chief Legal Officer