

# **The Trump administration wants homeless shelters to use physical characteristics like the 'presence of an Adam's apple' to identify and refuse shelter to transgender women**

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A proposal from the Department of Housing and Urban Development would allow federally funded homeless shelters to take a person's "physical characteristics" into account when deciding if they should be housed among men or women.

HUD is working to reverse the Obama-era Equal Access Rule that provides housing to transgender people based on the gender identity with which they identify.

The rule's text, [first reported by Vox](#), says shelter staff can look for "factors such as height, the presence (but not the absence) of facial hair, the presence of an Adam's apple."