

“BEING”

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Artist Statement: I have been working on erasures and fragmentations of insurance companies policies on gender "reassignment" procedures. I think this relates to decomp journal's mission both because the poems make legible the process of distorting the source text and also are attempting to ask of these texts "what does trans embodiment mean?"

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