



17 YEAR VISIT

PLANNING FOR HEALTHCARE TRANSITION

Concord Pediatrics is committed to helping our patients make a smooth transition from pediatric to adult health care. This process involves working with youth, beginning at age 14, and their families to prepare from a “pediatric” model of care, where parents make most decisions to an “adult” model of care where youth take full responsibility for decision-making. This means we will spend time during the visit with the teen without the parent present in order to assist them in setting health priorities and supporting them in becoming more independent in their health care.

At age 18, youth legally become adults. We respect that many of our young adult patients choose to continue to involve their families in health care decisions. Only with the young adult’s consent will we be able to discuss any personal health information with family members. If the youth has a condition that prevents him / her from making health care decisions, we encourage parents/ caregivers to consider options for supported decision-making.

We will collaborate with youth and families regarding the age of transfer to an adult provider. This transfer is to occur upon the completion of school, or at age 22, whichever occurs first. We will assist with this transfer process, including helping to identify an adult provider, sending medical records, and communicating with the adult provider about the unique needs of our patients.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Points to Ponder: Turning 18

Youth consent will be required for parent / caregiver to participate in health care decisions

Guardianship / Guardianship alternatives:

Set these up at age 18 for youth who require ongoing caregiver support

Insurance: Know your options!

Graduating? Choose an adult provider!