



Chartiers/McMurray Division

Transition of Care Policy for Youth and Young Adults

Pediatric Alliance – Chartiers/McMurray Division models its transition policy upon the guidelines provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Bright Futures. We believe that a smooth transition from adolescence to young adulthood includes the successful transition and transfer of healthcare from a pediatric to an adult healthcare provider. The common goal will be to maximize lifelong functioning and well-being for all youth, including those with and without special healthcare needs. This process requires joint planning, preparation, communication and implementation beginning by age 18. By age 21 all youth in our practice will transition to an adult provider with modifications as needed for youth with special healthcare needs. We will respect the preferences of youth and family in regards to the eventual transfer of care to an adult primary care medical home.

Our approach to the care of young adults age 18 and older meets HIPAA and state privacy and consent requirements making the young adult the sole decision-maker regarding medical care and the sharing of personal health information. Exceptions will require legal authority through the signed consent of the young adult, legally valid custodial care or power of attorney documentation or an adjudicated guardianship arrangement.