

Adolescent Transition Policy

Hanover Pediatric Associates is committed to helping all of our patients make a smooth transition from pediatric to adult health care. This process requires working with you to plan and prepare your transition starting around your 15th birthday. All patients are expected to transition from Hanover Pediatric Associates to an adult primary care medical home by the age of 21 years, with modifications for those patients with intellectual disabilities. We honor the preferences of both the patient and family regarding the eventual transfer of care to adult primary care, but we generally expect this to occur sometime between 18 and 21 years of age.

For Young Adults

At the age of 18, under Federal HIPAA regulations, access to your health records and any discussion about your health is only provided to people that you consent to, including your parents. If you wish your parents to discuss your health on your behalf, you must provide written consent to your health care provider by completing an Emergency Authorization form.

For Parents

If you need access to your child's records, your child must consent in writing to provide you access. Under HIPAA, medical providers are no longer permitted to discuss health issues with parents without the express consent form the patient. This is particularly important to keep in mind when the patient is away at college.