



Adult Care Transition Intent

We value the relationship we have built with our adolescent patients and their families and enjoy being their medical home. We understand the transition to adulthood can be stressful for parents and their children. After graduation from high school our patients move on in many different directions. Some enter the workforce while others attend college. In the current economic times, many are still living at home. Regardless of the path taken, at Wareham Pediatrics we would like to make the transition to an adult patient as smooth as possible.

We are committed to providing primary health care to all of our patients until they reach the age of 22 years. The purpose behind this decision is to allow our young adult patients to continue to receive care in a familiar surrounding while they find their way in the world. This gives our patients time to adjust to being responsible for their own healthcare and for us to help them as they begin to make independent choices about their health care. As our patients near age 22, we will also begin to help them choose a new health care provider and are committed to helping transition them to an adult provider, including adult specialty providers if needed.

If you agree to continue to receive medical care from Wareham Pediatrics after the age of 18 years, we ask that you commit to continuing to come to the office for an annual physical exam. This allows your health care provider to assess your overall health and address any lifestyle issues that may have an impact on your health. These visits are also an opportunity to help transition you to an adult care model and ultimately an adult provider. We understand that life can be hectic and, between work and school commitments, it can be difficult to find the time for a physical exam. However, we will work with you to make it as convenient as possible. We have evening hours 3 nights a week and often can schedule physical exams at this time and are also able to schedule physical exams to coincide with college breaks.

We understand that some patients are ready to leave their pediatric office once they turn 18 and if you choose to do so, we will help you with this process.

We consider it a privilege to care for you and your family and ask that you indicate below your healthcare choice and give this to the staff when you check out.

_____ I am going to continue to be a patient at Wareham Pediatrics

_____ I plan to transition to an adult health care provider.

Your Name: _____ Signature: _____