

## Renaissance Family Practice Glenshaw Division Transition of Care Policy for Youth and Young Adults

Renaissance Family Practice Glenshaw Division strives to make seamless the Transition from pediatric care to adult care. Whether the patient has their pediatric care from our office or from another office, our goal is to treat all following an adult care model starting at age 18. Our adult model of care may be modified as deemed necessary by the clinician depending on the patient's intellectual ability and guardianship status.

Patients that start at our office under the age of 18 will notice transition beginning as they enter their teens where we begin giving them more responsibility of their care and begin seeing them by themselves.

For new patients, we will attempt to get as much of their information from their previous physician's office as possible prior to their first visit, including direct communication with the previous providers when appropriate. We will make our office a medical home for all patients regardless of needs. We will provide multiple avenues of communications and modes of accessibility to provide a seamless transition as well as excellent ongoing care.

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 about care and about the sharing of personal health information. Exceptions to this approach 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.