

Health Care Transition Materials/ CMS Area Office Survey Results

For each item below, please rate its usefulness. Consider its value and degree to which it is utilized (or you would like it to be utilized) in your office to educate CMS staff, youth, families, and/or providers.

** Ratings: 1 (Very Useful) to 4 (Not Useful)*

	Very Useful	Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Useful	Mean
Just the Facts: The 411 on Health Insurance for Young Adults Ages 18-30 in Florida	14	6	1	0	1.38
10 Steps to Successful Health Care Transition	13	9	0	0	1.41
FloridaHATS Brochure	10	11	1	0	1.59
A Guide to the Florida Juvenile Justice System for Parents of Youth with Disabilities	4	7	7	3	2.43
Envisioning My Future	12	7	2	0	1.52
Since You're Not a Kid Anymore	14	6	1	1	1.50
Now That You're in High School	10	8	1	2	1.76
When You're 18	14	5	2	0	1.43
Health Care Transition Workbooks (3 versions)	6	5	6	3	2.30
Talking With Your Doctor (DVD)	2	7	5	5	2.68
Advocating for Yourself in School	2	10	7	1	2.35
Preparing for IEP Meetings	8	7	4	1	1.90
Transition 2 Go (briefs for providers)	4	7	6	2	2.32
Interactive Transition Toolkit	3	6	6	4	2.58

Need pre-printed copies of these web-based (only) materials.

	Yes	No
Advocating for Yourself in School	8	14
Preparing for IEP Meetings	9	13
Transition 2 Go (briefs for providers)	6	15

Are there transition educational materials that aren't listed in this survey that your office uses (or would like to use) regularly?

Transition checklist

Are there resources that your office would like to have but currently aren't available? That is, is there a need to develop new materials concerning a particular topic?

Florida guardianship options for adults who cannot manage their own affairs. Differences between pediatric and adult healthcare models.

Although I have ordered educational materials from Michael Bock Center for clients with immunology issues who are transitioning to adulthood, CMS could use more transition materials specific to special needs.

Transition starts at age 12 - would like one form of printed material standardized we could mail out by specific age-groups, that would include all CMS educational standards. We mail a great deal of material and with the cost of postage one-two page information concise with safety, growth, immunization, sexual and transition information on one document would be wonderful! (long envelope size) A webinar for nursing and social services staff that explains transition program details and how best to utilize the information in yearly calls, etc. So much of information in rural areas is by phone and mail.

Effects of health care reform on insurance for special needs young adults.

Guardianship resources

Pharmaceutical discounts

Simple and concise Transition brochures for our CMS families.

Information regarding guardianship, power of attorney, etc for those children who cannot make full medical decisions for themselves at the age of 18.

We think these effectively address health care transition needs. We work closely with clients on education and vocation related transition as well, but use resources from DOE and other partner agencies.

Transition materials for ages 18+ are needed to address the needs of intellectually challenged young adults who require supervision and cannot attend local educational programs or college. The parents of these special needs young adults need support and guidance with access to sheltered housing and employment that may not be available in their local community.

We need information for the middle school population.

Do you have any other thoughts or recommendations concerning transition educational materials?

We need more transition material for people with mental health diagnoses and cognitive delays.

It is my observation that most of the CMS clients function on a lower academic level, and reading materials which are provided to them is seldom utilized. It is my opinion that audio/visual materials would be more appropriate for the vast majority of our clients and their families. In addition I would think that DVD's would be cost effective and easier to store and distribute.

Just to say thank you for all that you have done to organize and promote health care transition. We never expected to have so many wonderful resources. We use them in this community not only within CMS but with community partners as well. They are appreciated by all.

Because of expense budget challenges, we rarely send out anything in hard copy anymore, and instead, direct families to the web site or provide with web links. Would appreciate that any educational materials, whether they are for families or for providers, be available in this format.

High school students with intellectual disabilities are often promoted from grade to grade and encouraged to graduate without the skill set to work independently at a job setting, take public transportation or handle financial transactions. Increased awareness is necessary for parents to ask about their child's ability to demonstrate the above mentioned practical skills prior to graduation from the school system. Often, the school system is the only resource available in a community to assist the parent with realistic options for their special needs child. This is the case in Collier county where unless the child has MedWaiver or capable of covering out of pocket costs for training or supervision, no additional resources are available following graduation.

Contact information for the person completing this questionnaire

**Missing responses from Tallahassee, Miami North and Marathon offices*

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