Preparing Teens for Transition to Adult Health Care

10 STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL HEALTH CARE TRANSITION

Family Café
June 15, 2018
4:30 pm
Agenda

• What is health care transition (HCT)?
• Why is health care transition important?
• What steps can you take to ensure successful transition?
• How can Children’s Medical Services and FloridaHATS help youth and young adults transition successfully?
What is Health Care Transition?

**Health Care Transition (HCT)**

The purposeful, planned movement of adolescents and young adults, with and without special health care needs, from child-centered to adult-oriented health care systems.

**Preparation**

Increased responsibility for health care self-management; understanding and planning for changes in health needs, insurance, and providers in adulthood; should occur across ages 12-21+

**Transfer of Care**

Discrete event, physical transfer from a pediatric to an adult provider; should occur between ages 18-21+

**Successful Transition**

Patients are engaged in and receive ongoing patient-centered adult care.
Why is Health Care Transition Important?

“A poor transition in health care can threaten health and undermine other transitions, for example in education, work, social relationships, and independent living.”

Institute of Medicine, 2007
Why is Health Care Transition Important?

- Without adequate support in moving from pediatric health care to adult care, youth and young adults may:
  - Experience loss/gaps in your health insurance
  - Have poor connections to the adult health care system
  - Lose support with medications and self-care regimens
  - Have increased ER visits & hospitalizations
  - Experience short term decline in health and poor long term results

Institute of Medicine, 2007; Boyle et al. 2001; Callahan et al. 2001; Betz 2003; Freyer et al. 2008; Tuchman et al. 2008), Watson 2000; Annunziato et al. 2007; Gurvitz et al. 2007; Dugueperoux et al. 2008; White 2002; Williams 2009.
Goals for a Successful Transition
Goals for Transition

• Manage your own health
  • Medical decision-making
  • Disease self-management
  • Prevention, substance use, safety, sexuality
• Appropriately access adult primary care, specialists, therapies, equipment, supplies, etc.
• Have access to adequate and continuous health insurance
• Implement education and vocational goals

10 Steps to Successful Health Care Transition

1. Start early
2. Focus on responsibility for health care
3. Create a health summary
4. Create a health care transition plan
5. Maintain wellness
6. Integrate health care transition activities into the school setting
7. Know the options for health insurance and public assistance programs
8. Find an adult provider
9. Learn about community services and supports
10. Include health in other areas of transition
Step 1: Start Early

- Begin preparing for transition from 12 years old.
  - Assess your current level of understanding of your health condition, your ability to use health care services and resources to manage your condition, and your ability to manage daily activities.
Taking responsibility for health care should be based on age and abilities. You can become more independent by learning important skills like talking to your doctor, asking questions, scheduling appointments, arranging transportation, filling prescriptions, and taking your medication on your own.
Self-Management Guides

For Youth & Families: FloridaHATS Information Guides
Self-Management Videos

Short videos with step-by-step instructions

For Youth & Families: FloridaHATS Information Guides
Self Management Smartphone Apps

Healthy Transition
Step 3: Create a Health Summary

Put important information about personal health in one place, including medications and plans for emergencies.
Step 4: Create a Health Care Transition Plan

Work with your current health care team (e.g., primary care provider, nurse care coordinator, social worker) to develop a written transition plan that includes future goals, services that will be needed, who will provide the services and how will the services be paid for.
# Plan of Care

## Sample Plan of Care

### Six Core Elements of Health Care Transition 2.0

Instructions: This sample plan of care is a written document developed jointly with the transitioning youth to establish priorities and a course of action that integrates health and personal goals. Motivational interviewing and strength-based counseling are key approaches in developing a collaborative process and shared decision-making. Information from the transition readiness assessment can be used to guide the development of health goals. The plan of care should be dynamic and updated regularly and sent to the new adult provider as part of the transition package along with the latest transition readiness assessment, medical summary and emergency care plan, and, if needed, a condition fact sheet and legal documents.

- **Name:**
- **Date of Birth:**
- **Primary Diagnosis:**
- **Secondary Diagnosis:**

### What matters most to you as you become an adult? How can learning more about your health condition and how to use health care support your goals?

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- **Initial Date of Plan:**
- **Last Updated:**
- **Parent/Caregiver Signature:**
- **Clinician Signature:**
- **Care Staff Contact:**
- **Care Staff Phone:**

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Step 5: Maintain Wellness

Establish healthy habits that will continue into your adulthood. Learn and talk about risky behaviors, such as alcohol use and smoking, as well as sexuality and relationships with adults you trust and your health care providers.

*Remember:* Youth should spend time alone with their doctor at every office visit.
Resources

Coach.me Mobile App

Checkmark Goals Mobile App
Step 6: Integrate HCT Activities at School

- Include HCT readiness, goals, and activities in your other future planning activities:
  - IEP (Individualized Education Program; specialized instruction & services)
  - 504 Plan (accommodations)

- HCT Resources for Educators
  - FloridaHATS
  - CPALMS: My Health Care
Transition IEP factors

- Understanding own needs and required accommodations
- Medication, medical supplies, and equipment
- Volunteer experiences and recreational activities to develop work and social skills
- Self-determination, self-advocacy
- Health care management skills, self-care, and knowledge of health insurance
- Many more factors to consider
Step 7: Know Health Insurance & Public Assistance Options

Health Insurance

• Types of insurance plans
• Eligibility requirements
• Financial requirements

Public Assistance

• Financial
• Work
• Housing
• Medical (equipment, respite care, home health)
Health Insurance

- Plan for change in insurance coverage
  - Medicaid
  - Parents’ plan
  - Employer-based
  - Marketplace plans
Health Insurance After Age 18

Aging out of childhood health insurance plans can create gaps/loss in coverage.

Benefits in temporary jobs often limited, unavailable, or have high premiums.

Increased salary may lower/eliminate public benefits.

Limited benefits provided in adult Medicaid package.
Voc Rehab

SSI/SSDI

APD/Med Waiver
Employment

Apply to Division of Vocational Rehabilitation 2 years before leaving high school
Step 8: Find Adult Providers

If still in the care of pediatric providers, identify a primary care physician and specialist who provide care for adults.
Health Services Directory for Young Adults

Use the form below to search for health care programs and providers in your area that serve young adults, including those with disabilities or chronic health conditions.

Please help us keep the directory up-to-date! We encourage both consumers and providers to let us know about resources you think should be included. For instructions on how to add a service or recommend a program, please visit our directory submission page. To update an existing entry, first search for listing using the form below. Open the current listing in the upper right-hand corner, click on the "Update this listing" text link. Make corrections on form page then click submit. All information that is submitted will be verified prior to uploading to the directory.

Search By: Categories AND/OR Keyword(s)

City, State, County
-- Any City --

County
-- Any County --

Health Category
-- Any Health Category --
Behavioral and Mental Health
Dental
Eating Disorders
Emollients

Search by Keyword(s)

Submit Reset
Step 9: Learn about Community Services & Support for Adults with Special Needs and Abilities

- Be knowledgeable about your rights and responsibilities at age 18.
- Discuss guardianship and decision-making options, as needed.
- Join community support groups.
Decision-Making

• Consider options, such as power of attorney (POA), supported decision-making guardianship, guardian advocacy

• Explore long-term financial planning strategies, such as a special needs trust
Step 10: Include Health in Other Areas of Transition

Ask your primary care physician to provide documentation of your medical conditions and health care needs for other programs and agencies.
### How to get Involved in Your Community

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National Center for Health Care Transition Improvement

http://www.gottransition.org/
Florida’s clearinghouse for HCT information
www.FloridaHATS.org
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