

Dear Colleagues,

The mission of our clinic is to provide a medical home to children with medical complexities and to support the families who care for them. In order to continue our mission, we must ensure that we are able to care for those children who continue to meet the criteria for admission into our practice. This includes dependence on a ventilator and/or two additional elements of medical technology, involvement of greater or equal to three specialists or organ systems with unstable diagnoses, progressive diagnoses, and those under 18 year of age who would not otherwise be better suited to the JaxHATS adolescent transition program. Medical complexity varies and may not always mean a patient needs or qualifies for our services.

We would like to make our partners in the community aware that we will be graduating patients that no longer meet our criteria effective July 1, 2019. In order to ease the transition process, we have asked that these families identify their community pediatrician by May 1, 2019. As these families are aware, we will gladly send a clinical summary to transition their child's care. We will also be happy to discuss any patients that transition to your practice or answer any questions you may have. We appreciate all you do to serve the children and families of Northeast Florida, and we feel confident these children will continue to grow and thrive in your care. If a child's needs change in the future, please do not hesitate to contact our office, and we can discuss readmission to our clinic.

Regards,

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