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**RE: UR Medicine Thompson Health | Canandaigua Medical Group Vaccine Policy**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

At Canandaigua Medical Group (CMG), our medical staff works diligently to provide family-centered care for our pediatric patients. Our mission is to provide a safe environment where our families can receive exceptional medical care according to the latest evidence-based practice recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Vaccines given in childhood are a critical part of health throughout life. As providers, our collective intent is to create a policy that supports the AAP and CDC stance regarding vaccination, and reflects our commitment to aid our families' understanding of the importance of vaccines in preventing serious illness and potential death in children.

Our providers firmly believe that:

- Vaccinating children and young adults (up to age 18) may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as healthcare providers and that parents can perform as guardians/caregivers.
- Vaccines are safe, effective, and proven to save lives.
- All children and young adults (up to age 18) should receive ALL of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the AAP and CDC.
- Alternate schedules delaying or "breaking up the vaccines" is potentially detrimental to a child's health and life and has never been supported by expert recommendations.
- Vaccines do not cause Autism or any other developmental disability. We want our patients to understand any purported link between vaccines and developmental disabilities has been proven fraudulent in multiple scientific medical studies.
- Thimerosal, a preservative that has been in vaccines for decades and remains in some vaccines, does not cause Autism or other neurodevelopmental disabilities.
- We have a duty to all our patients, especially the most vulnerable, to maintain a safe environment in which they will be treated.

After much consideration, our CMG providers who treat children have decided they will no longer accept new patients whose parents and guardians do not plan to vaccinate.

We will work with parents and guardians of existing patients who are not up-to-date with the established vaccination schedule or who are following an alternate schedule. We will reach out to them to schedule an appointment aimed at formulating an individualized plan to get their children vaccinated in a timely manner. Should families, after discussion with a provider, decide not to vaccinate their children, we will end our existing relationships with these parents and patients.

We are dedicated to providing excellent patient care in a safe environment to the children of our practice and their families. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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