

Pain clinics, owned by Michigan Pain Consultants (MPC), are closing across Michigan. The Wyoming, Muskegon, and Big Rapids locations closed June 13, 2024, the Greenville and Holland locations closed June 28, 2024. The remaining location in Grand Rapids will close this September. LARA estimates 8,000 patients across the 6 locations have been issued prescriptions for controlled substances since December 2023.

MPC is working with local pain management specialists and providers to ensure there are no breaks in patient care. This has included informing patients of the closure and working with them to find other providers; MPC is prioritizing the highest risk medically managed patients. Urgent care, hospitals, and other medical facilities may still see an increase in patients seeking pain management as MPC locations close. Providers with patients who were MPC clients may receive questions regarding referrals to alternative locations and/or for information about opioid withdrawal.

Providers should direct patients to contact 616-317-3877 or email clinicaloperations@michiganpain.com to request their records or get them sent to another practice. Patients can schedule an appointment with their primary care provider (PCP) if a referral to another pain practice is needed. If patients are without a PCP, they should call the number on the back of their insurance card or call 211 (<https://mi211.org/>).

If care is disrupted, patients may turn to non-healthcare sources for drugs. Patients may be unaware that drugs purchased outside of the healthcare setting can sometimes look identical to the desired product, but still contain unexpected substances, like fentanyl. Fentanyl is commonly found in drugs not obtained from a hospital or pharmacy and can be very dangerous and deadly.

MDHHS has maps of Narcan Vending Machines and Syringe Service Programs here: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/mentalhealth/drugcontrol/syringe-service-programs/find-ssp-near-me/find-a-syringe-service-program-near-me

Providers with questions on prescribing laws can contact LARA at BPLHelp@Michigan.gov.

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Thank you,

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