



# City of Needles

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Rite Aid Pharmacy Closure Update #4 [Amended]

Needles Community – On **January 23, 2024**, City Staff faced a significant challenge when the city's only pharmacy announced its closure. The City Council took decisive action on **January 30, 2024**, by formally adopting Resolution No. 2024-7, declaring a Local Emergency in response to the pharmacy closure. Through a collaborative effort and a cross-agency initiative, City Staffs successfully worked with the private sector to establish seven (7) pharmacies in Arizona that are now accepting Medi-Cal patients. On **February 6, 2024**, Rite Aid closed and transferred ALL prescriptions to CVS Fort Mohave, situated at 4744 S. Highway 95, AZ 86426. For any inquiries, please contact CVS Fort Mohave directly at (928) 763-6822. We understand the impact this may have on the community, and we appreciate your understanding during this transition period.

#### **Where can I fill my prescriptions?** (All of the following are Medi-Cal Enrolled)

##### **CVS**

4744 S Highway 95  
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426  
(928) 763-6822

##### **CVS 24-hour**

2350 Miracle Mile  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
(928) 758-2212

##### **Safeway**

4823 S Highway 95  
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426  
(928) 704-4433

##### **Riverside Pharmacy (Free Delivery)**

2410 Highway 95  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
(928) 219-4700

##### **New:**

##### **Walmart Pharmacy**

5210 S Highway 95  
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426  
(928) 768-9022

##### **Walmart Pharmacy**

2840 Highway 95  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
(928) 758-3447

##### **Laughlin Pharmacy & Wellness Center**

3080 S Needles Hwy Ste 1800  
Laughlin, NV 89029  
(702) 709-5300

Be sure to call the pharmacy before going to pick up your prescriptions. The pharmacy will verify over the phone that they have your medication in stock, and your refills are available to be picked up. Be sure to verify their operating hours and explore any additional services they may provide.

**As more pharmacies get approved, we will furnish you with additional information to further assist you. Thank you for your understanding during this transitional period, and we are committed to keeping you informed about available healthcare options in the community.**

**What resources are available for transportation from Needles to a pharmacy in Arizona?**  
**Dial-a-Ride (DAR) Medical Transport:**

Fare: \$6.00 (round-trip) from Needles Senior Center up to Safeway/CVS/Smiths, Fort Mohave, AZ or \$12.00 (round-trip) up to Laughlin Bridge in Bullhead City, AZ  
Days: Tuesday/Thursday  
Reservation and prepayment are required no later than 11am the day prior to the scheduled trip and, as seats are limited, all trips are on a first come first served basis.  
There are no discounted or free fares on this service, the fare applies to all passengers.

**DAR Shopper Shuttle:**

Fare: \$9.00 (round-trip) from El Garces (leaves the parking lot at 8:15am) to Walmart, CVS, Smiths, and Safeway in Fort Mohave, AZ  
Day: Wednesday  
Reservation and prepayment is required no later than 11am the day prior to the scheduled trip and, as seats are limited, all trips are on a first come first served basis.  
There are no discounted or free fares on this service, the fare applies to all passengers.  
Call the Senior Center at (760) 326-4789 to schedule your reservation for the Medical Transport or Shopper Shuttle.

Additional information can be found on the City of Needles website [www.cityofneedles.com](http://www.cityofneedles.com).

**What resources are available?**

Please call Medi-Cal Rx at 1-800-977-2273 (TTY 1-800-977-2273) for questions about your Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit. A Medi-Cal Pharmacy can be located on the [Medi-Cal Rx website](#).

**Medi-Cal Rx Bulletin – [Rite Aid Closure in Needles, CA](#)**

- IEHP DualChoice (Medicare/Medi-Cal)
  - 1-877-273-IEHP (4347)
  - TTY: 1-800-718-IEHP (4347)
- IEHP Covered (Covered California)
  - 1-877-433-IEHP (4347)
  - TTY: 711

Mail order pharmacy services are also available for IEHP Dual Choice and IEHP Covered members. SortPak pharmacy is an IEHP network mail order pharmacy. Starting February 6, 2024, prescriptions can be transferred by contacting SortPak Pharmacy at (877) 570-7787 and ask them to contact the CVS Pharmacy in Fort Mohave at (928) 763-6822.

**Department of Behavioral Health – [www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/)**

- Access Unit (Behavioral Health Helpline) - (888) 743-1478 (24 hours/365 days)
- Screening Assessment and Referral Center (Substance Use Disorder Helpline) - (800) 968-2636 (24 hours/365 days)
- Crisis Contact Center - Community Crisis Response Teams - (800) 398-0018 or text (909) 420-0560 (24 hours/365 days)
- Needles Behavioral Health Clinic – (760) 326-9313

**Department of Aging and Adult Services-Public Guardian – [hss.sbcounty.gov/daas/](http://hss.sbcounty.gov/daas/)**

- Senior Information and Assistance - (800) 510-2020  
(Non-emergency response, Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Adult Protective Services - (877) 565-2020 (24-hour Hotline)
- Needles DAAS-PG Office - (760) 326-9328 (Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

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