



# City of Needles

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## Rite Aid Pharmacy Closure Update #1

Needles Community – Last October, Rite Aid faced financial challenges and sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, allowing for a structured evaluation of its operations. This process aimed to streamline its footprint by closing underperforming stores while addressing litigation claims fairly. Unfortunately, the City of Needles has received disheartening news regarding its only pharmacy, Rite Aid, which will cease operations on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, as part of the ongoing bankruptcy and restructuring efforts.

At the close of business on Monday, February 5, 2024, **ALL** Rite Aid pharmacy prescriptions will seamlessly transfer 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?

#### **CVS**

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

#### **Medi-Cal Enrolled**

#### **Safeway**

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

#### **Medi-Cal Enrolled**

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

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

#### **Medi-Cal Enrolled**

#### **Riverside Pharmacy**

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

#### **Medi-Cal Enrolled**

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. For residents with specific insurance requirements, Safeway, CVS, and Riverside Pharmacy are confirmed to be enrolled with Medi-Cal. 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](#).

- 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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