

Support HB 4486

Support Access to Care

House Bill 4486 is needed to protect access to care for thousands of individuals and families, and must be passed into law quickly to prevent the closing of brain injury rehabilitation centers throughout the state. HB 4486 maintains access to care and averts mass job layoffs. This legislation does not add cost to the system.



4,800 to 6,200 Patients
Lose Access to Care

Doors Shut on Michigan Patients

Nearly 8 in 10 of all respondents (79%) expect a decrease in the number of no-fault patients at their facility if HB 4486 does not get enacted. On average, each facility expects to lose 31 to 40 no-fault patients – this extrapolates to 4,800 to 6,200 patients across the state losing care from these facilities.



Community-Based
Centers Close

Nearly 9 in 10 post-acute care facilities have little or no confidence in staying in business

Eighty-six percent (86%) of post-acute care facilities have either no confidence at all (65%) or very little confidence (21%) that they can operate their business at a sustainable level under the auto no-fault fee schedule set to go into effect July 1.



3,250-4,650
Lose Jobs Across Michigan

Pink Slips Statewide

Nearly all respondents (90%) expect a decrease in the number of jobs at their facility if House Bill 4486 does not get enacted. On average, each facility expects to lose 21 to 30 jobs – this extrapolates to 3,250 to 4,650 jobs lost across the state that are directly connected to these facilities. This does not even account for thousands of lost jobs dependent on these community facilities.

Survey

Under the New Auto No-Fault Law Fee Schedule, Michigan Expected to Lose Nearly 5,000 Health Care Jobs, More Than 6,000 Patients to Lose Care

A recent survey of brain injury rehabilitation care providers across the state indicates that nearly all are planning for the worst, including going out of business, if legislators don't fix technical issues in the fee schedule set by the new auto no-fault reform law. This new fee schedule goes into effect July 1 this year. Because of a technical error in the language of the fee schedule, the codes established treat these post-acute care facilities more negatively than other health care providers, slashing the amount they can charge for care by nearly half. It unfairly and severely diminishes their ability to be reimbursed for the care provided to patients with catastrophic injuries from automobile accidents.

To quantify the impact of the new auto no-fault law fee schedule on the industry, the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council (MBIPC) commissioned a survey of care providers in professions related to brain injury rehabilitation. According to this statewide survey of over 110 brain injury rehabilitation care providers, their facilities will be forced to lay off thousands of workers, discontinue catastrophic care for thousands of auto accident patients and potentially go out of business, if a legislative fix to this flawed fee schedule isn't passed.

Here is a summary of the survey's findings:

- » **Nearly nine in ten post-acute care facilities have little or no confidence in staying in business:** More than six in ten (65%) post-acute care facilities have no confidence at all that they can operate their business at a sustainable level under the new auto no-fault fee schedule in its current form. Another 21% are only slightly confident. Only 3% say they are either somewhat or extremely confident they will be able to continue their business at a sustainable level.
- » **Thousands of patients potentially losing care across the state:** Nearly eight in ten of all respondents (79%) expect a decrease in the number of auto no-fault patients for which their facility can provide care, if the fee schedule goes forward unchanged. When asked to quantify how many patients will potentially lose care, the average response was between 31 to 40 expected patients lost per facility; meaning that between 4,800 and 6,200 patients across the state will potentially lose care from these facilities alone.
 - Nearly four in ten (38%) expect that care to be lost immediately, while more than eight in ten (85%) expect it to be lost within the first few months after the new fee schedule goes into effect.
 - The facilities surveyed currently provide care for between 6,350 and 7,800 post-acute care patients across Michigan.
- » **Thousands of jobs potentially lost across the state:** Nine in ten facilities (90%) expect to decrease their number of employees if the fee schedule goes forward unchanged. When asked to quantify how many jobs will be lost, the average response was between 21 and 30 expected jobs lost per facility; meaning that between 3,250 to 4,650 jobs will potentially be lost across all facilities in the state. This estimate does not account for indirect jobs lost.
 - More than four in ten (45%) expect to lose those jobs immediately, while more than eight in ten (85%) expect those job losses within the first few months after the new fee schedule goes into effect.
 - The facilities surveyed currently provide jobs for between 6,350 and 7,800 post-acute care practitioners across Michigan.

This survey of more than 110 post-acute care facilities across Michigan was commissioned by MBIPC and conducted by ROI Insight, a Michigan-based market research company.