

IT'S A MICHIGAN LAW

Because of the rising deaths from the use of Opioids and to improve the safety of patients taking these medications, the State of Michigan in a new law now requires us to:

- To prescribe a lesser number of opioid pills following injuries or surgeries
- To check the state database for all the opioid medications that you are taking

At Beaumont Health your safety is our number one priority. If you are prescribed an opioid, and to comply with the new law, and before you are given your prescription, you should:

- Receive an education about the risks and safety when taking opioids
- Sign a consent that the education was provided to you
- If you are prescribed more than 3 days' worth of opioids, your name will be checked with the state database to see what other pain medications, sleeping pills, anxiety medications you are taking.
- If you had an injury or surgery, you will be prescribed no more than 7 days' worth of opioids, additional prescriptions beyond the 7 days will depend on the complexity of your injury or surgery.
- You will receive education about the treatment and community resources available to patients hospitalized due to opioid misuse and abuse.

We at Beaumont are here to help. Please feel free to reach out to your care giver with your questions and concerns about these new requirements.

We encourage you to visit a website that Beaumont Health has established (www.beaumont.org/pain). It contains a variety of resources and strategies for coping with and self-managing pain.

Leaving unused controlled substances at home without security present a risk to other family members or individuals visiting the home. It is important to keep your prescribed opioids and controlled substances secure **at all times**.

When you stop taking these medications, it is equally important to properly dispose them to ensure the safety of those around you. For more information on how to dispose these substances please visit www.beaumont.org/drug-disposal.

Sincerely
Your Beaumont Health Team