

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is Grand Prairie / Wellpath?

For nearly a decade, Grand Prairie has partnered with Wellpath to provide first-class comprehensive healthcare services across the United States. Grand Prairie / Wellpath currently operates in 16 states with over 200 facilities serving more than 100,000 patients daily for local and municipal entities, state governments, and federal agencies. Grand Prairie employs approximately 200 providers throughout the country.

Q. What is the structure of Grand Prairie / Wellpath?

Grand Prairie is solely owned by myself, a double graduate from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree and Masters of Public Health, as well as a Medical Degree from The Johns Hopkins University. I have over 30 years of experience serving the correctional population, including in Michigan as the Medical Director of the Huron Valley Women's Facility (Detroit House of Corrections, Women's Division), the State Prison of Southern Michigan, and the Southwest Michigan Clinical Complex, as well as the Medical Director for the Indiana Department of Corrections.

Q. Why is this structure needed in Michigan?

In states which regulate the Corporate Practice of Medicine ("CPOM"), such as MI, CA, TX, and NY it is an industry best practice to ensure that medical/clinical decision-making in the context of the delivery of healthcare services to any population (including incarcerated patients) is reserved to physicians licensed in the state where the care will be provided.

Therefore, Grand Prairie Healthcare Services will be solely responsible for the professional medical care provided to the State's incarcerated patients, such as implementing evidence-based approaches to diagnosing, intervention, and prevention, directly employing healthcare personnel responsible for sick call, medication administration, and intake, and providing clinical oversight.

Wellpath will serve as a management services organization (MSO) to Grand Prairie by providing non-clinical, administrative "back office" services, including those related to human resources, finance, and legal. For example, as part of this fully integrated approach, Grand Prairie could rely upon Wellpath LLC for:

- Services related to support of clinical functions, processes, and systems, including care management, tele-health support, and systems to support a robust collaborative care model;
- Administrative and functional support for clinical training programs and systems to support best clinical practices;
- Robust practices in recruiting nationwide to ensure the highest quality providers;

- Accurate and comprehensive claims administration to ensure offsite providers are paid timely, pursuant to negotiated rates, for services satisfactorily performed and requested;
- Employee development to ensure all employees are aware of expectations, standards of conduct, and disciplinary policies; and
- Legal services to ensure that site healthcare personnel have 24/7 access to an assigned attorney well-versed in Michigan, local, and federal laws to achieve compliance in the evolving healthcare regulatory environment.

Q. What is Grand Prairie / Wellpath’s patient care and hiring philosophy?

We know a transition can raise concerns with existing team members and we want to assure everyone we all have the same goal – to provide quality care to every patient with compassion, collaboration and innovation. At Grand Prairie/Wellpath we believe the best patient care comes from having the best healthcare team. **As with all transitions, it is our hope and expectation to maintain continuity of care through retention of the current incumbents!** During the first weeks of the transition we will meet each of you during a schedule “transition call” to better know you and of course to ensure that moving forward our patients receive the best care available from the most compassionate and passionate providers.

Q. How will we communicate moving forward?

Over the next several months to help you better know Grand Prairie/Wellpath we will be providing an optional weekly webinar series beginning in June. We hope you will tune in when you can!

Q. What you need to do next?

The meet and greet meetings will be live on April 15th for you to schedule. [Click here to go back to the new team member incumbent portal!](#)