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MICA Risk Management Tip of the Month

When closing a physician practice, it is important to protect against the allegation of patient abandonment. To reduce that risk, it is vital that timely notification in writing is given notifying patients of the practice closure. The notice should include information such as the date of practice closure, reason for closure, potential sources for patients to find a new physician (and contacting their health plan), and the need for the patient's written authorization to provide copies of their records to a new physician of their choice. It is important to act in good faith and document your steps taken to transition patient care to a new physician. This is especially important with your patients who require ongoing medical care.

