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Jamaica Plain methadone clinic reopens after former management shut down

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A New England chain of substance abuse centers has reopened a methadone clinic in Jamaica Plain that closed after its former management, the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center, was shut down several weeks ago for unsafe patient care and dysfunctional management.

Community Substance Abuse Centers, or CSAC, announced this week that it has reopened and is accepting patients at the opioid-addiction treatment program at the state-run Lemuel Shattuck Hospital campus along Morton Street.

The JP location is one of 15 drug and alcohol abuse treatment centers that the private company runs across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut.

The company said in a statement that the new facility operates as a private, fully licensed and accredited outpatient treatment program “providing high quality, compassionate care for those who seek treatment for opiate dependence.”

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Patients are treated using a combination of FDA-approved methadone medication and individual, group, and family counseling, according to the statement. The program emphasizes individualized care and encourages patients to continue counseling services after medication is no longer required.

“Treating patients with respect, sensitivity, and regard for their privacy are core values of CSAC and its team,” the company said.

Clinic staff include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, counselors, case managers and support staff, all of whom are specially trained to treat people with addictions, the company said. Some staff know multiple languages and can provide interpretation services.

“Community Substance Abuse Centers looks forward to serving patients within our newly reopened methadone clinic and treatment center,” said a statement from Matt Davis, CEO of the company that opened its first clinic in Westfield in 1989.

“We are proud to partner with patients as they begin the road to recovery from opiate addiction by seeking treatment, and our highly skilled, caring team invites those in need of our services to reach out to us today,” he added.

Under the management of the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center, the program had operated as the Methadone Assistance Treatment, or MAT, program.

But last month, the four-decade-old neighborhood health clinic known as RoxComp shut down. The clinic has since been [cast into receivership](#) following a year of intense scrutiny from health regulators due to concern about the clinic’s finances and daily operations.

The new JP clinic is open seven days a week and serves both insured and uninsured patients, according to CSAC.

General clinic hours run from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, the company said. Medication hours are from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m.

On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the clinic has medication hours from 7 to

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10:30 a.m., the company said.

Emergency services are also available for pregnant women and patients referred by psychiatrists and other physicians.

To set up an appointment and for more information call 617-541-3670 or visit www.csachelp.com.

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