

340B Allows Hospitals to Stretch Limited Resources, Improve Patient Care for Vulnerable Populations

Background

- Congress created the 340B program to help covered entities stretch scarce resources, reach more patients, and provide more comprehensive services through the outpatient drug discount program.
- Despite having a 0.1% operating margin, California's 175 340B hospitals provided over \$7.1 billion in benefits to the communities they serve at no additional cost to taxpayers.
- Funding went to programs like medication therapy management, diabetes education and counseling, behavioral health services, opioid treatment services, and providing free or discounted drugs to those in need.
- Including the 340B discount, which only accounts for 3.1% of pharmaceutical company revenue, the top 10 manufacturers still had an average operating margin of more than 28%.

Key Messages

- As a safety-net provider, [NAME OF HOSPITAL] relies on savings from the 340B program to help us maintain access to care for the most vulnerable in our community.
- The 340B program allows [NAME of HOSPITAL] to provide services such as *(examples might include, but are not limited to Federally Qualified Health Center support, reducing homelessness, health screenings for at risk populations, co-pay assistance and free medication programs for uninsured, chronic disease prevention/management programs, etc.)* [XXX, XXX], and [XXX], to individuals in our community who have health-related social needs.
- Congress should protect the 340B program from harmful changes and ensure access to more affordable drug therapies and programs by passing the 340B PATIENTS Act. Please cosponsor H.R. 7635.

Resources

- [AHA 340B "Fact vs. Fiction"](#)
- [CHA 340B Letter to Delegation](#)
- [CHA 340B Overview](#)