

340B Drug Pricing Program

Issue

The 340B Drug Pricing Program is critical in expanding access to lifesaving prescription drugs and comprehensive healthcare services for low-income and uninsured individuals. The program is a lifeline to safety net hospitals, critical access hospitals, children's hospitals, and other providers who care for large numbers of low-income and uninsured patients. Yet ongoing cuts to the program, as well as recent actions by drug makers to limit 340B discounts, threaten access to services for vulnerable patients and communities in Illinois.

Background

Congress created the 340B program to protect certain clinics and hospitals from drug price increases and give them access to price reductions. The Affordable Care Act expanded the program to include critical access hospitals, rural referral centers, sole community hospitals, and other providers. 340B hospitals have disproportionate share rates above 11.75%, meaning such hospitals serve a significantly disproportionate number of low-income patients compared to non-340B hospitals.

Hospitals may dispense 340B-discounted drugs to any patient, regardless of payer, and retain the difference between the reduced price paid for the drug and the full reimbursement amount. This arrangement allows covered entities to fulfill the statutory promise of the program, which is "to stretch scarce federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services."

In Illinois, among 340B-covered hospitals that are not categorically eligible (e.g., critical access hospitals, sole community hospitals and children's hospitals), 340B hospitals have an average disproportionate share percentage above 40%. This far exceeds the qualifying percentage of 11.75%. These hospitals use 340B savings to provide direct access to healthcare services and medicines to patients who cannot afford care, as well as support a variety of programs that increase access to healthcare services in their communities. For example, one hospital established a mobile clinic program that brings healthcare services directly to low-income and underserved communities. Among the services it provides are school physicals for those in low-income neighborhoods, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Other Illinois hospitals use 340B savings to provide free colonoscopies and mammograms, free transportation, mobile dental vans, and other services that work toward narrowing health disparities and improving equity in healthcare access.

Action Requested

Protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program from efforts to limit access to 340B drugs and scale back this vital program for vulnerable patients and communities.

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340B Hospitals in Illinois

Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital (Lincoln)
AMITA Health Adventist Med Ctr Bolingbrook (Bolingbrook)
AMITA Health Adventist Med Ctr GlenOaks (Glendale Heights)
Advocate Christ Medical Center (Oak Lawn)
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital (Park Ridge)
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center (Chicago)
Advocate Trinity Hospital (Chicago)
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hosp of Chicago (Chicago)
Carle Eureka Hospital (Eureka)
Carle Hoopston Regional Health Center (Hoopston)
Carlinville Area Hospital (Carlinville)
Rush Copley Medical Center (Aurora)
Clay County Hospital (Flora)
Crawford Memorial Hospital (Robinson)
Decatur Memorial Hospital (Decatur)
Fairfield Memorial Hospital (Fairfield)
Fayette County Hospital & LTC (Vandalia)
Ferrell Hospital (Eldorado)
Franciscan Health Olympia Fields (Olympia Fields)
Franklin Hospital District (Benton)
Genesis Medical Center Aledo (Aledo)
Genesis Medical Center Silvis (Silvis)
Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (Gibson City)
SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital (Mount Vernon)
Graham Hospital (Canton)
Hamilton Memorial Hospital District (McLeansboro)
Hardin County General Hospital (Rosiclare)
Harrisburg Medical Center (Harrisburg)
Hammond-Henry Hospital (Geneseo)
Holy Cross Hospital (Chicago)
Hopedale Medical Complex (Hopedale)
Horizon Health (Paris)
HSHS Good Shepherd Hospital (Shelbyville)
HSHS Holy Family Hospital (Greenville)
Illini Community Hospital (Pittsfield)
UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial (Harvey)
Mercyhealth Javon Bea Hospital – Riverside Blvd Campus (Rockford)
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County (Chicago)
Kirby Medical Center (Monticello)
Lawrence County Memorial Hospital (Lawrenceville)
Loretto Hospital (Chicago)
Loyola University Medical Center (Maywood)
MacNeal Hospital (Berwyn)
Marshall Browning Hospital (Du Quoin)
Mason District Hospital (Havana)
Massac Memorial Hospital (Metropolis)
McDonough District Hospital (Macomb)
Memorial Hospital (Chester)
Memorial Hospital Association (Carthage)
Memorial Hospital of Carbondale (Carbondale)
OSF Saint Paul Medical Center (Mendota)
Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center - Harvard Campus (Harvard)
Mercy Hospital & Medical Center (Chicago)
Methodist Hospital of Chicago (Chicago)
Midwest Medical Center (Galena)
Morrison Community Hospital (Morrison)
Mount Sinai Hospital (Chicago)
Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Chicago)
Humboldt Park Health (Chicago)
OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center (Urbana)
OSF Holy Family Medical Center (Monmouth)
OSF Little Company of Mary Med Ctr (Evergreen Park)
OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center (Danville)
OSF Saint Luke Medical Center (Kewanee)
OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center (Ottawa)
Pana Community Hospital (Pana)
Passavant Area Hospital (Jacksonville)
Perry Memorial Hospital (Princeton)
Pinckneyville Community Hospital (Pinckneyville)
AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center (Aurora)
AMITA Health Saint Francis Hospital (Evanston)
AMITA Health Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Med Center (Chicago)
AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital (Kankakee)
Provident Hospital of Cook County (Chicago)
Carle Richland Memorial Hospital (Olney)
Riverside Medical Center (Kankakee)
Rochelle Community Hospital (Rochelle)
Roseland Community Hospital (Chicago)
Rush University Medical Center (Chicago)
Saint Anthony Hospital (Chicago)
OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center (Alton)
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center (Peoria)
St. Joseph Memorial Hospital (Murphysboro)
HSHS St. Mary's Hospital (Decatur)
Salem Township Hospital (Salem)
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center (Mattoon)
Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital (Rushville)
Sparta Community Hospital (Sparta)
AMITA Health St. Alexius Med Ctr (Hoffman Estates)
St. Bernard Hospital & Health Care Ctr (Chicago)
HSHS St. Francis Hospital (Litchfield)
HSHS St. John's Hospital (Springfield)
HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital (Highland)
OSF St. Mary Medical Center (Galesburg)
SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital (Centralia)
SwedishAmerican Hospital (Rockford)
Swedish Hospital (Chicago)
Taylorville Memorial Hospital (Taylorville)
Carle Foundation Hospital (Urbana)
UChicago Medicine (Chicago)
Thomas H. Boyd Memorial Hospital (Carrollton)
Thorek Memorial Hospital (Chicago)
UnityPoint Health - Trinity Rock Island (Rock Island)
University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System (Chicago)
Northwestern Medicine Valley West Hospital (Sandwich)
Wabash General Hospital (Mount Carmel)
Warner Hospital and Health Services (Clinton)
Washington County Hospital (Nashville)