

340B in Action: Saint Alphonus Health System

Boise, Nampa, Ontario, and Baker City

The 340B prescription drug program is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers, supporting critical health services in our communities. The program is narrowly tailored for hospitals to provide the same high level of service to low-income individuals or those living in isolated rural communities. Significantly more 340B hospitals provide money-losing vital health services than non-340B hospitals. Those vital services include trauma centers, labor and delivery services, cancer treatment, and immunizations.

340B by the Numbers

\$20M Our approximate annual 340B savings

\$47.7M Uncompensated care provided last year (uncompensated care includes charity care, bad debt, and underpayment from public programs excluding underpayment from Medicare)



Our 340B Story

Saint Alphonus Health System is comprised of four hospitals and 60+ Medical group clinics offering primary and specialty care services throughout Idaho and Oregon. Saint Alphonus Regional Medical Center is the region's only Level II Trauma Center.

Signed into law by President George H.W. Bush in 1992, the 340B program requires drug companies to sell discounted medications to our hospitals and other providers that serve high numbers of low-income Medicare and Medicaid patients or are located in remote rural areas. These hospitals pass the discounts on to patients in need and also use savings from the program to fund programs that address needs of underserved populations.

Last year we saved approximately \$20 million thanks to the 340B program. Savings from the 340B program are most utilized in the cancer care, infusion programs, indigent prescriptions, and programs to decrease readmission for patients. Without 340B savings we would be forced to drastically cut back clinical care and drug access to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured patients. The 340B program helps us provide critical treatment for the needy.