



340B and the West Virginia University Health System

The savings from the 340B Program are important to all the hospitals that make up the West Virginia University Health System (WVUHS), but they are of vital importance to the small, rural, critical access hospitals with 25 beds or less that depend on 340B savings to keep their doors open.

As a policy, all of the 340B benefits created by a WVUHS hospital are returned to that hospital's community, so it can be used to meet the local acute and chronic needs of the patients who receive care there.

Without the savings achieved from 340B, some WVUHS hospitals would be **forced to reduce services** or, in some cases, **close their doors**, creating logistical challenges for some of the most impoverished citizens of West Virginia.

In some instances, those citizens would **lose access to the healthcare services** they so desperately need; would have to **switch their prescriptions** to cheaper, less effective medications; and, as a result, would **experience worsened health outcomes**.¹




And the best part of the 340B Program? It keeps hospitals open, provides underserved citizens of the state with access to the care they need where they need it, and serves as an economic engine for the state and region **all without burdening the American taxpayer**, as it comes from drug company profits.¹

**Drug companies can afford to fund 340B.
West Virginians can't afford to lose it.**



To learn more about how the 340B Program benefits West Virginians, visit our website at WVUMedicine.org/340B or scan the QR code on your smartphone.

Why it matters for West Virginians

-  West Virginia has the fourth highest poverty rate in the nation.
-  Our people are one of the unhealthiest populations in the country, with the second lowest life expectancy in the U.S.
-  West Virginia has one of the highest incidences of morbidity and mortality due to chronic conditions and leads the nation in health indicators like diabetes, drug addiction, obesity, and cancer.

That's why 340B isn't a nicety; it's a necessity.