

The 340B Drug Pricing Program at Geisinger Medical Center

340B in action

The 340B Drug Pricing Program was created to financially supplement hospitals that provide a high level of care and services to low-income people or those in isolated rural communities. This program allows safety-net providers to support critical health services for our communities. Savings from the program help us maximize scarce federal resources and meet the healthcare needs of the country's most underserved patients. It is important for Congress to preserve and protect the 340B program, as it does not rely on taxpayer dollars and is an essential component of the safety net.

340B's impact in our community

Healthcare is really people caring for people. Geisinger has earned a national reputation for quality, value, innovation, education, research and compassionate care. Here are just some ways the 340B program helps Geisinger care for our vulnerable patient population, increase services and stretch federal resources.

- **Medication Therapy Disease Management Program** – Our internationally recognized initiative connects pharmacists to patients who need personal guidance about medications for conditions including anticoagulation, hypertension, diabetes, cancer and chronic pain, empowering patients to meet treatment goals more easily.
- **Fresh Food Farmacy®** – Partnering with the community, we are improving the health of adults with diabetes by providing them with free, nutritious food and comprehensive medical, dietetic, social and environmental services. Our Fresh Food Farmacy has had clinical impacts greater than those of expensive medications at a significantly lower cost.
- **MyCode® Community Health Initiative** – With more than 200,000 patient-participants, MyCode is delivering medically relevant results to participants and their primary care doctors. More than 500 people have received clinical reports telling them they have a genomic variant that increases their risk of early cancers or heart disease, so their doctors can detect and treat these conditions before symptoms arise. This important initiative helps us keep our patients well.
- **Senior transportation project** – We are conducting a pilot program in Danville that provides transportation for seniors to and from their medical appointments. The goal is to improve access to care, making patient follow-up easier and improving health outcomes.

340B by the numbers

- In fiscal year 2019, we had **\$92.4** million in 340B savings, which contributed greatly to our ability to provide uncompensated care for people in need.
- Geisinger provided **\$887.4** million in community support in fiscal year 2018 in the form of:
 - » Free, uncompensated care to patients who could not afford to pay
 - » Care provided to the elderly and the poor not paid by Medicare or Medicaid
 - » Allied health, medical education, medical residency and fellowship programs
 - » Healthcare research
 - » Community health, education and outreach programs

Of this amount, **\$182.1** million was provided by Geisinger Medical Center.