The 340B Drug Pricing Program at Geisinger Community Medical Center – FY19

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 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

Geisinger puts people first by adopting innovative models of care and has bolstered its national reputation for compassion, excellence, education and research. Here is a microcosm of how the 340B program helps Geisinger care for people in need, expand services and stretch federal resources.

• Inpatient addiction services – Provides screening, intervention, education and referral for treatment for patients with potential substance use disorders.
• New PET/CT scanner and MRI – Installed in Geisinger Viewmont to enhance the imaging technology offered to our patients.
• 65Forward clinic opens in Scranton – Created to meet the need of individuals 65 and older. The clinic offers seniors more time with doctors, more access to wellness activities and highly personalized care in a relaxing environment.
• New lab draw site – Allowing access and convenience for those in the Scranton area.
• New urology clinic – Geisinger Urology Clinic opened in Scranton on 9/23/19.
• New birthing center – Labor and delivery services returned to GCMC, offering a midwifery model to moms-to-be.
• New PCU – Construction began, which will increase bed capacity and provide state-of-the-art technology for acutely ill adult patients no longer needing ICU level of care.

340B by the numbers

Geisinger Community Medical Center is new to the 340B drug program as of July 2019 and we have not yet realized a fiscal year 340B savings. We expect that future savings will contribute 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 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, $64 million was provided by Geisinger Community Medical Center.