

The 340B Drug Pricing Program at Geisinger Wyoming Valley 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 of the ways the 340B program helps Geisinger care for our vulnerable patient population, increase services and stretch federal resources.

- **LIFE Geisinger** – Providing a unique and innovative layer of care for older adults, LIFE Geisinger is a day program offering the opportunity to live independently while taking advantage of daily living and health services. The program features a full spectrum of daily activities to encourage social interaction and improve quality of life and provides relief and support for caregivers.
- **Free2BMom Program** – Available in Luzerne County, the program aims to support mothers in recovery from substance use disorder, provide them and their babies with social support services, and improve their quality of life.
- **Magnet Recognition** – This prestigious recognition received by Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center and Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre is a designation of quality nursing care held by only 7 percent of hospitals nationally.
- **Geisinger at Home** – Serving a growing population of patients 65 and older, Geisinger at Home brings personalized care to eligible Geisinger Gold Medicare Advantage members where they live. The program helps keep patients healthier, safer and better connected to their care team with checkups, routine testing, wound care, respiratory care, nutritional needs, urgent care, specialty care and more.

340B by the numbers

- In fiscal year 2019, we had **\$46.9 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, **\$68.5 million** was provided by Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.