

# The 340B Drug Pricing Program at Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital

## 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.

- **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 any clinical symptoms arise. This important initiative helps us keep our patients well.
- **Medication Therapy Disease Management Program** (Lock Haven, Montoursville and Avis) – 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.
- **Diabetes Prevention Program** (Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital) – The National Diabetes Prevention Program meets about once a week for the first six months, followed by six monthly sessions. Trained lifestyle coaches help participants lose weight, increase physical activity and learn how to make healthy choices. Participants are given support to reduce their risk or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes.
- **Better Breathers Club** (Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital) – The Better Breathers Club meets monthly with guest speakers and educational sessions. Those with chronic lung disease, such as COPD, asthma or pulmonary fibrosis, benefit from free education, resources and group support to learn to better manage their disease.

## 340B by the numbers

In fiscal year 2019, we had \$26,000 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, \$6.1 million was provided by Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital.