

# CHRISTUS HEALTH SUPPORTS PRESERVATION OF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM



*CHRISTUS Health is an integrated, not-for-profit international health system that includes more than 40 hospitals and facilities in seven U.S. states. CHRISTUS Health serves as a safety-net provider in every community in which we operate, and provides a significant amount of uncompensated care each year. Savings from programs such as the 340B Drug Pricing Program are vital to our ability to continue to provide charity care as we carry out our mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. CHRISTUS has 28 340B facilities across the system, and if the 340B Program is restricted through Congressional or Regulatory efforts, it is unlikely CHRISTUS will be able to continue to provide the same level of charity care to indigent patients and our surrounding communities.*

**CHRISTUS Spohn Health System:** More than 25 percent of the patients in CHRISTUS Spohn's communities lack health insurance or are unable to pay for health care services, and thus depend on CHRISTUS Spohn's charity and assistance to obtain affordable care. Each year, CHRISTUS Spohn provides community benefits through a wide variety of activities, from Health Fairs to free health screenings. Additionally, CHRISTUS Spohn, in conjunction with private practitioners in Corpus Christi, utilizes savings from the 340B Program to fund a need-based retail pharmacy which provides prescription drugs to indigent patients for free or nominal copays.

**CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System:** Savings from the 340B Program allows the Children's Hospital of San Antonio to provide high-quality treatment to every child who presents at our hospital.

**CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System and CHRISTUS Health Southeast Texas:** 340B savings enable CHRISTUS hospitals to provide community oncology services that allow our patients to receive top-notch cancer treatment close to home.

**CHRISTUS Health Louisiana:** Thanks to 340B pricing, CHRISTUS Louisiana can ensure low income and uninsured patients access to free or inexpensive pharmaceuticals. We also provide programs like no cost diabetes education at various Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Centers. Additionally, CHRISTUS Louisiana provides youth diabetes education, care, and testing for thousands of students through its School-Based Health Centers thanks to savings generated by the 340B Program.

**CHRISTUS St. Vincent Health System:** Savings from the 340B Drug Pricing Program allow CHRISTUS St. Vincent to provide over \$1 million annually to smaller community non-profits that provide additional safety net health care services to the region, including substance abuse, behavioral health, and crisis care. Through the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation we provide funding for equipment and capital projects as well as financial support for numerous patients' needs for breast cancer screenings, medical equipment, medicines, and care. CHRISTUS St. Vincent also dispenses prescriptions to its sobering center and indigent patients at no charge. We have recently started dispensing free oral antibiotics to patients that have been diagnosed with clostridium difficile, a very contagious intestinal infection that often affects the homeless.

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# 340B FACILITY

# LOCATION

Children's Hospital of San Antonio  
 CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi Memorial  
 CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi Shoreline  
 CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi South  
 CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Alice  
 CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Beeville  
 CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Kleberg  
 CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital  
 CHRISTUS St. Michael Rehabilitation Hospital  
 Glenwood Pharmacy  
 Health Care Center Pharmacy  
 CHRISTUS St. Michael - Atlanta  
 CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital - Winnsboro  
 CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital - Jacksonville  
 CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital - Sulphur Springs  
 CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center - Longview  
 CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center - Marshall  
 CHRISTUS Jasper Memorial Hospital  
 CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth  
 CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Mary  
 CHRISTUS Orthopedic Specialty Center - St. Elizabeth  
 CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital  
 CHRISTUS Coushatta Health Care Center  
 Natchitoches Regional Medical Center  
 Savoy Medical Center  
 CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center  
 CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Cancer Center  
 CHRISTUS St. Vincent Physician Medical Center

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 Kingsville, TX  
 Texarkana, TX  
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 Atlanta, TX  
 Winnsboro, TX  
 Jacksonville, TX  
 Sulphur Springs, TX  
 Longview, TX  
 Marshall, TX  
 Jasper, TX  
 Beaumont, TX  
 Port Arthur, TX  
 Beaumont, TX  
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## 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

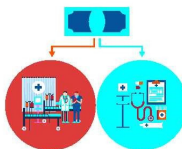
### PROTECTING THE SAFETY NET

For more than 20 years, Congress has provided relief from high prescription drug costs through the 340B Drug Pricing Program. The program requires participating pharmaceutical companies to sell covered outpatient drugs at a discount to eligible health care organizations. To be eligible, hospitals must serve a disproportionate share of uninsured and low-income patients. This program gives patients better access to drugs they need and helps hospitals enhance care capabilities by stretching scarce federal resources.

### Small Program, Big Benefits



**2%**  
Portion of the United States' \$374 billion in annual drug purchases made through the 340B program



**\$3.8 BILLION**  
Total annual savings for 340B eligible providers

340B creates valuable savings on outpatient drug expenditures to reinvest in patient care and health activities to benefit the communities they serve. It also saves money for state and federal governments.



**62%**  
Percentage of all uncompensated care provided by 340B hospitals

340B increases access to care for our most vulnerable populations - participating hospitals provided \$28.6 billion in uncompensated care in 2013.

### Who Are 340B Hospitals?



About half are urban; half are rural.



929 (43.4%) are critical access hospitals (CAHs).



Located in 1,529 or 47% of all US counties.

### 340B Hospitals Meet Rigorous Requirements

#### 340B ELIGIBILITY

Hospitals must:

- ✓ Be designated as a not-for-profit hospital.
- ✓ Be classified as a Children's Hospital, Cancer Hospital, Sole Community Hospital, Rural Referral Center, Critical Access Hospital or a Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital.
- ✓ Serve a large proportion of uninsured and low-income patients.
- ✓ Undergo random audits by the federal government and pharmaceutical manufacturers.
- ✓ Recertify annually as an eligible 340B provider.
- ✓ Maintain auditable inventories for 340B and non-340B prescription drugs.

## PRESERVE THE 340B PROGRAM; PROTECT THE SAFETY NET

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