

Lead the Way

Preserve 340B

Drug Savings Program



Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health integrated care delivery systems in the nation, serving diverse communities that include more than 30 million people across 22 states. We are building a health system that puts the people we serve at the center of every behavior, action and decision. This brings to life our commitment to be a compassionate, transforming and healing presence in our communities. We advocate for public policies that support better health, better care and lower costs to ensure affordable, high quality, people-centered care for all.

The 340B Drug Savings Program provides essential resources that are critical in helping 340B hospitals to comprehensively serve the most vulnerable and improve the health of communities across the country. Trinity Health and its hospitals support efforts to ensure that the 340B Drug Savings Program meets the objective set by Congress: "to stretch scarce federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services."

Trinity Health continues to work proactively with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to achieve this stated program intention. To this end, Trinity Health and hospitals benefiting from the 340B Drug Savings Program expend significant resources on compliance with program requirements and changes, including the yearly-recertification process and required randomized audits. As private, non-profit hospitals participating in the 340B Drug Savings Program, each must also have a contract—or memorandum of understanding—with a state or local government to provide health care services to low income individuals who are not entitled to benefits under Medicare or Medicaid. These are formal agreements—with the communities in which we serve—to provide care for their citizens, regardless of their ability to pay. Trinity Health is also working collaboratively with the American Hospital Association (AHA) to proactively and meaningfully move forward with a commitment to transparency and reporting through the development and posting of stewardship principles.

What Can Policymakers Do?

Preserve the 340B Drug Savings Program

Trinity Health urges Congress to support the mission of the 340B Drug Savings Program and to oppose efforts that do not directly improve access to care for vulnerable patients. Any attempt to further scale back or undermine this program will inevitably harm the comprehensive services provided to those most in need.

Policy Recommendations:

- Oppose legislative efforts that decrease the size or scope of the 340B Drug Savings Program, that add overly burdensome and unworkable reporting requirements on covered entities, or that add additional cost without providing benefit to vulnerable patients.
- Support legislative efforts that protects the 340B Drug Savings program, such as reversing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reimbursement cuts.

Value of the 340B Drug Savings Program

In Trinity Health hospitals across the country, the 340B Drug Savings Program is supporting improved patient care, increased patient medication access and adherence, and decreased hospital readmissions.

These savings support important un-reimbursed and under-reimbursed services and programs that address identified and unique needs in each community. In many cases, elimination of these savings would quite literally threaten the hospital's sustainability to provide care that patients and communities rely upon to meet urgent and ongoing health care needs.

Mission

We, Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.

Core Values

Reverence • Commitment to Those Who Are Poor
Safety • Justice • Stewardship • Integrity