

Putting 340B to Work For Our Patients

The 340B prescription drug discount program is a vital lifeline for safety-net health care organizations that provide a high level of services to low-income individuals or that serve isolated rural communities. Significantly more 340B hospitals provide money-losing vital health services – such as mental health and substance use disorder treatment, trauma centers, and neonatal intensive care units – than non-340B hospitals. These discounts are a critical and affordable source of support for holding together the building blocks of the health care safety net for vulnerable patients.

At the UVM Health Network's six hospitals in Vermont and northern New York, our 1,500 clinical providers deliver care to more than a million residents. Each hospital in our system is 340B eligible, including the region's only academic medical center, two critical access hospitals, a sole community hospital and two other hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low-income patients.

WE USE OUR 340B SAVINGS TO:

- Help close the gap between the cost of care and reimbursement from government payers.
- Fund patient assistance programs that provide access to medications to thousands of patients with financial need.
- Provide necessary care to all patients regardless of ability to pay, and support the health and wellness of our communities in Vermont and northern New York.
- Sustain the solvency of our hospitals to ensure patients in our region have access to comprehensive, high-quality care.



2,035

Patients enrolled during FY20 in our rapidly expanding Health Assistance Program, which covers costs for prescription drugs and provides resources to pay for other medical needs. The at-cost value of this assistance was \$1.6M.



\$140M

Approximate FY2019 margin impact of the 340B Program across the University of Vermont Health Network.



\$231M

2019 investment in community benefit by the University of Vermont Health Network.



\$0

Cost of the 340B Program to taxpayers and consumers. These discounts are provided directly by pharmaceutical companies to health care providers.



3.6%

Total 340B sales represent just 3.6% of the estimated \$457 billion in annual U.S. drug sales. Pharmaceutical companies have been able to maintain profit margins of 15-20%, even as the 340B program has grown.

Working together, we improve people's lives.

Our goal is to improve the health of people across Vermont and Northern New York by integrating patient care, education and research in a caring environment.

Our locally led, non-profit Network is working to preserve access to care that our patients and families need by focusing on wellness, in addition to disease prevention and treatment, while controlling costs.

OUR INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM

- Academic Medical Center
- 5 Community Hospital Affiliates
- Network Medical Group
- Home Health & Hospice
- Federally Qualified Health Center Partner
- Essential partnerships with the UVM Lerner College of Medicine and the UVM College of Nursing and Health Sciences



NETWORK BY THE NUMBERS



1M

Serves more than 1 million lives



1,500+

Providers, including 1075 physicians and 450 advanced practice providers representing primary care and 30 specialties



13,000

Employs more than 13,000 people in our region



1,200

1,200 Licensed inpatient beds



2.4M

Patient care encounters at our hospitals, clinics and home visits, including 145,431 ER visits