

HEALTH CENTERS & 340B: FUNDING HEALTH EQUITY



Community health centers promote health equity by **expanding access to primary care** in **medically underserved communities**, serving **all patients** regardless of income or insurance status. Health centers serve:

30
MILLION
PATIENTS

65% are People of Color

90% are low-income

42% live in rural communities

35% more likely to have a chronic condition



340B supports health centers and their patients:

- The 340B drug pricing program allows providers who serve a large number of low-income and rural patients (like health centers) to purchase some drugs at a discounted price.
- Health centers directly pass along 340B discounts to their low-income and uninsured patients, via in-house and contract pharmacies.
- When providing medications to insured patients, health centers generate savings that are reinvested into patient care.

32% of health centers estimate that
MORE THAN HALF
of their patients would go
without needed
medications
if they did not have access
to 340B discounts.



More than Medication:

Health centers rely on 340B program savings to **expand access to comprehensive primary care** and **promote health equity**:

Nationally, **Black, Hispanic, and other People of Color** experience more challenges compared to White people across most measures of **social determinants of health**, including food insecurity and access to adequate health care and transportation.

Health centers are working to address this gap with services supported by 340B:



Transportation



Housing support



Career services



Nutrition programs

92%

of health centers use savings to increase access by expanding services to medically underserved communities

87%

of health centers use savings to support non-billable services and providers, like family therapists and addiction counselors

69%

of health centers use savings to expand care coordination and enabling services, like social work services and care management

Health center patients with chronic conditions rely on 340B for affordable medication and comprehensive care:

Health center patients have higher rates of chronic conditions, like diabetes and hypertension, than patients nationally.

Nationally, communities of color experience disproportionately high rates of chronic conditions like diabetes and hypertension.

Of health centers with 340B programs,

94% say **diabetes** is a top condition treated with 340B drugs

88% say **hypertension** is a top condition treated with 340B drugs

89% say their **340B program** has resulted in:

improved medication adherence thanks to affordable medications

improved patient health outcomes thanks to wrap-around services