

ASAP 340B

Working to Save America's 340B Program



The Alliance to Save America's 340B Program (ASAP 340B) is a partnership of Community Health Centers, patient, physician, and consumer advocates, and leaders from the biopharmaceutical industry working to ensure the 340B program supports true safety-net providers and the communities they serve.

When Congress enacted the 340B program as part of the Public Health Service Act more than 30 years ago, lawmakers enabled true safety-net providers to help low-income and other vulnerable patients access more affordable medicines and health care services. Unfortunately, the program is no longer working for those it is meant to serve. Stronger accountability and transparency are urgently needed so that the 340B program can work as intended.

ASAP 340B POLICY PRINCIPLES

ASAP 340B supports an approach that includes the following policy principles:

- 1 Make 340B a true safety-net program for patients.**
- 2 Ensure 340B prescriptions are offered to patients at a discount.**
- 3 Update the 340B patient definition with strong safeguards.**
- 4 Establish clear criteria for 340B contract pharmacy arrangements to improve access.**
- 5 Prevent middlemen and for-profit entities from profiting off the 340B program.**
- 6 Update and strengthen 340B hospital eligibility requirements.**
- 7 Address standards for 340B child sites and subgrantee eligibility.**
- 8 Create a neutral 340B claims data clearinghouse.**
- 9 Facilitate public reporting on 340B program data.**
- 10 Establish enforceable rules and enhance federal administration and oversight of the 340B program.**

We urge policymakers to focus on all of these principles as they consider changes to realign the 340B program.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF INACTION ARE TOO SIGNIFICANT TO IGNORE

More than 31 million Americans are served by Community Health Centers for their medical care and these Community Health Centers and other safety-net clinics rely on the 340B program. Of the patients served, 90% are low-income, 64% are people of color, 41% live in rural communities, and these patients are 35% more likely to have a chronic condition and require specialized care.

Stronger accountability and transparency are needed urgently to ensure patients don't continue to get left behind. If we don't act now to modernize the 340B program, underserved communities will be left with fewer health care options, a lack of emergency and other services and overall lower quality of care.

ASAP 340B advocates for clear, practical, and achievable solutions to ensure the 340B program works in the interest of vulnerable and underserved patients and communities.



OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- ADAP Advocacy Association
- Autoimmune Association *
- Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations *
- Black, Gifted, and Whole *
- Center for Black Equity
- Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations
- Community Access National Network
- Community Oncology Alliance *
- Health Choice Network
- National Association of Community Health Centers *
- National Consumers League *
- National Hispanic Medical Association *
- Southern Christian Leadership Global Policy Initiative
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