

IMPROVING THE 340B PROGRAM: WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

A bipartisan group of Senators recently issued a <u>request for information (RFI)</u> asking subject matter experts and stakeholders to share their views on how to improve the 340B Program. The RFI is an important step toward updating the federal program aimed at helping patients in underserved communities access affordable medicines and services. Here's what ASAP 340B, our partners, and other stakeholders think is needed to ensure the 340B program is on a sustainable path for the future:

Congress can no longer ignore these issues. Hospitals in underserved areas have reduced essential services while directing resources to more profitable child sites located in wealthier regions, enabling them to increase their 340B profits by charging higher rates to private insurers.

National Hispanic Medical Association

Increasing confidence in the 340B program starts with requiring all covered entities to have patient affordability programs that are accessible to patients in need of affordable medication and health care services.

National Association of Community Health Centers It is important that all federally funded 340B programs embrace transparency and a standard for the use of 340B program income. For those participating in the 340B program, we believe that complete 340B program transparency should require all Covered Entities to report all profit of savings and document that all net income is reinvested in patient care services.

ADAP Advocacy Association/Community Access National Network



••• Our healthcare system has changed a lot in the 31 years since the 340B program was introduced. As my research indicates, the program needs to be modernized so that it benefits seniors and other patients while supporting the genuine safety-net services of healthcare providers.

Adam Fein, Drug Channels Institute

Comprehensive legislative reforms are needed to realign the 340B program to put it on a sustainable, longterm footing and, most importantly, ensure it supports vulnerable patients and true safety-net providers.

Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of America



f As the health care system has changed, access to affordable and comprehensive health care services and medications has remained a challenge for underserved and vulnerable communities. It is important that all covered entities execute the mission of the 340B program to improve access to affordable medications and services for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.

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Congress should take immediate steps to strengthen oversight mechanisms, enhance transparency, and hold participating hospitals accountable for their actions. A reformed 340B program should also prioritize targeted outreach and eligibility criteria, enabling healthcare facilities in underserved areas to participate actively.

Southern Christian Leadership Global Policy Iniative

We cannot emphasize enough that Congress must act to fix what is a growing 340B program that results in Americans actually paying more for prescription drugs, especially those most vulnerable patients in need.

Community Oncology Alliance