

Care for the Common Good

Value of the 340B Program

Holy Cross Health - Maryland



The 340B prescription drug program is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers, supporting critical health services in our communities. The program is narrowly tailored to reach only hospitals that provide a high level of services to low-income individuals or that serve isolated rural communities. Savings from the 340B program help hospitals meet the health care needs of underserved patients across the country. Congress should preserve and protect the 340B program as an essential part of the safety-net that does not rely on taxpayer dollars.

Holy Cross Health is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system based in Silver Spring, Maryland that provided more than 170,000 patient visits and 250,000 community benefit encounters in fiscal year 2023 through Holy Cross Hospital, Holy Cross Germantown Hospital, 10 primary and specialized care centers and a range of community-based health and wellness programs. This service to our community is accomplished by a dedicated team of 3,500 colleagues, 1,800 physicians and nearly 400 volunteers.

The Benefits of the 340B Program to our Community

Holy Cross Health's 340B program helps the organization meet its core values, particularly its commitment to those who are poor.

Holy Cross Health operates three safety net health centers that provide more than 35,000 visits to approximately 10,000 low-income, uninsured adults and children. In addition to primary care, the health centers offer integrated behavioral health, embedded volunteer specialty care, coordination of specialty care referrals, medications, post-hospitalization transitional care, care management and assistance with social needs.

Holy Cross Hospital is the largest birthing hospital in Maryland and Washington, D.C. Between the two hospitals, Holy Cross Health annually delivers nearly 10,000 babies. Since 1999 Holy Cross Health has been the primary provider of perinatal care for uninsured residents of Montgomery County. Through this Maternity Partnership program, Holy Cross has provided an average of 1,200 women per year with pre-natal care, ultrasounds, medication, hospital care and post-partum care and has served as the only source for high-risk perinatal care and gynecological care for the county's uninsured residents.

Impact if the 340B Program is Scaled Back

A reduction in 340B savings will negatively impact Holy Cross Health's ability to provide uncompensated medical care, including the programs described above. It will also hinder our ability to positively impact the health and well-being of our communities. Holy Cross Health offers approximately 100 community health programs weekly. These include evidence-based education regarding chronic disease prevention and self-management, and specially targeted programs to promote equitable access to health education for Black/African-American and Latino residents who suffer a higher burden of chronic disease such as hypertension and diabetes. Scaling back the 340B program could also negatively impact our community partnerships focused on addressing social influencers of health such as food and housing insecurity.

By the Numbers (FY23)

- \$1.3 million in annual 340B savings on \$16.3 million in drug purchases.
- \$55.5 million in community benefit, including \$33 million in charity care. Community benefit is 8.3% of total expenses.

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