

# WHO BENEFITS FROM 340B? IT'S NOT ALWAYS THE PATIENT

340b is a federal program intended to provide drug discounts to qualifying health care facilities, called entities, to help vulnerable patients gain access to treatment. The scenario below highlights how cost saving through 340B could be skipping patients.

## PATIENT vs ENTITY

Uninsured patient gets sick  
Patient is treated at hospital participating in 340B



340B hospital purchases drug from manufacturer typically at a 50% discount off average wholesale price (AWP)

Patient receives prescription but is not given a discount card to assist with drug cost



340B hospital gives prescription to patient

Patient goes to 340B contract pharmacy



Contract pharmacy may dispense drug to patient at full retail price

After patient leaves, contract pharmacy identifies 340B patients

Patient pays full retail price for the drug



Hospital gets paid "full" price for drug and nets a profit

340B hospital pays contract pharmacy a dispensing fee that may be higher than the usual pharmacy fees

340B was designed to help support the cost of medicines for those in need, so why doesn't the program always benefit the patients whom it was intended to serve?

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