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# The 340B Drug Pricing Program: HELPING HOSPITALS KEEP PATIENTS & COMMUNITIES HEALTHY

## Prescription drug prices skyrocket



New York Times:  
"Runaway drug prices"

Washington Post:  
"Drug prices top Americans' list of health care concerns"

The rapidly rising cost of prescription drugs is threatening access and affordability for millions of Americans who need life-saving medications.

## What is 340B?



The 340B program requires pharmaceutical manufacturers participating in Medicaid to sell outpatient drugs at discounted prices to hospitals and other organizations that care for many low-income and uninsured patients.

## Hospitals use 340B savings to provide:



increased access to care



clinical pharmacy services



community outreach programs



free vaccinations



transportation to follow-up appointments

## Small program, big benefits for patients

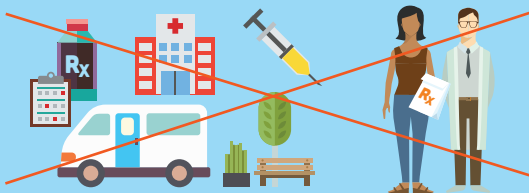
340B cost (2.8%)



**\$457 BILLION**  
annual drug purchases  
in the U.S.

340B is a small program that constitutes less than 2.8 percent of the \$457 billion in annual drug purchases made in the U.S., and it does not cost the government or taxpayers money.

## If 340B were scaled back or eliminated



Despite a more than 20-year track record of increasing access to care for vulnerable patients and communities, some want to scale back or eliminate the 340B program. This would hurt patients while adding to the record profits of pharmaceutical companies.

## Congress should preserve the 340B program to PROTECT PATIENTS' ACCESS TO CARE

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