



Policy Briefing: 340B Drug Rebate Program

340B is a federal program that lowers drug costs for Ryan White clinics, community health centers, family planning clinics, and hospitals. The program requires drug makers to reduce their prices through discounts ranging from 20 to 50 percent. Clinics, hospitals and community health centers in the program are allowed to reinvest the saving they earn by purchasing medications at a lower rate, enabling them to stretch scarce federal resources as far as possible to reach more eligible patients and provide more comprehensive services.

The program provides critical support for HIV services and extends care to many who otherwise would go without. The program has become even more vital as the demand for care and treatment has increased while federal funding for the Ryan White Program has remained flat for nearly a decade. Thanks to the savings covered entities earn through the 340B program, Americans living with and at risk for HIV benefit from lifesaving treatment, preventive health care, substance use and mental health services, and chronic disease management. Savings from 340B allow covered entities to increase health care services and capacity in their communities, offering more health care delivery locations, hours of operation, and an expert workforce.

Unfortunately, the program is under attack by the Trump administration.

- The Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services implemented regulations to cut \$1.6 billion in payments to many 340B hospitals by reducing what Medicare pays for the drugs.
- In 2018 congressional Republicans introduced legislation to stop new hospitals from participating in the program, and to increase reporting requirements that could push some hospitals out of the program.

More Information

- To learn more about how the 340B program has come under attack, visit [AIDS United](#).
- Public Comments in support of 340B from [Ryan White Clinics](#).

Action Alert

- Get involved: Tell congress to keep the 340B Program in place. [Let it B](#) or [340B matters](#): Patients Over Profits.
- Preserving 340B is a priority issue for ending the HIV epidemic in the United States. Amida Care has joined AIDS United and Act Now: End AIDS in calling on the federal government to adopt a roadmap to end the epidemic. Learn more about the [Roadmap](#).