

340B in Action

at Erie Family Health Centers



Medication

340B allows us to help our uninsured patients afford their medications. Without 340B, critical medications would be unaffordable for Erie's low-income patients.

340B contract pharmacies enable our patients to access:

- Insulin
- Asthma Inhalers
- Blood Pressure Meds
- PrEP
- Suboxone, Narcan
- Much more!



Access

As an FQHC, we are required by law, regulation, and mission to **reinvest 100% of 340B savings into expanding access for our underserved patients.**

- Erie uses 340B savings to leverage technology. **Telemedicine** and **electronic population health tools** enable Erie to serve patients at greatest risk for missing health screenings or services.
- Erie also reinvests 340B savings into a **Medication-Assisted Treatment Program for opioid use disorder.**



Care

Beyond helping patients afford their medicine, we use 340B savings to provide comprehensive care.

Erie patients have chronic conditions, exacerbated by social challenges. **Improving health outcomes depends on Erie providing:**

- 1:1 Care Management
- Maternal & Child Case Management
- HIV/AIDS Case Management
- Health coaching
- Referrals support
- Care Coordination & outreach
- Public Benefits navigation
- Resource navigation
- PrEP navigation services

These services are not usually reimbursed.



Many Erie patients would be **unable to obtain their insulin without the 340B discount.**



During the COVID-19 pandemic, **340B savings have been critical for Erie to continue serving patients** and to **maintain capacity** to provide services in the future.



Health coaching and 340B medication access lead to our success with diabetes and hypertension health outcomes. **64% of our hypertensive patients maintained healthy blood pressure** and **70% of our diabetic patients maintained well controlled HbA1c levels.**

Erie Depends on 340B Contract Pharmacies to Provide Medication Access

An Erie patient was discharged from the hospital with a prescription for a blood thinner. She quickly discovered she couldn't afford the \$600/month price tag. Her provider approved an alternate medication covered by the 340B program – It cost only \$14 for a 90-day supply. This significant savings made the medication affordable, successfully treated our patient's illness, and greatly reduced her risk of re-hospitalization.

An elderly Erie patient without insurance was struggling to afford her diabetes medication. The price had jumped to \$200, and she was having trouble accessing her pharmacy during the COVID-19 crisis. Because of Erie's partnership with the 340B contract pharmacy co-located inside one of our health centers, the patient now pays \$9 for her medication – which can be delivered for free, straight to her home.

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Contracting with local pharmacies to dispense 340B medications has the following benefits to our patients:



Contract pharmacies allow patients to receive their critical 340B medications at pharmacies close to home.



Our Contract pharmacy partners include 24-hour pharmacies.



Contract pharmacies offer home delivery, which is particularly important during times of crisis.



Contract pharmacies offer 340B pricing access on extensive drug formularies, including specialty medications.

Erie's 340B Program is entirely dependent on contract pharmacy partnerships. Without contract pharmacies, we would not have the pharmacy infrastructure to participate in the 340B program.

Within the past year,

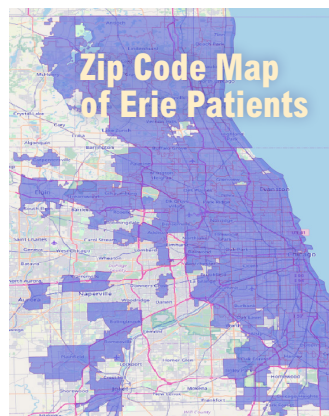
21,000+ Erie patients have taken advantage of low-cost 340B drugs,

115,000+ 340B scripts were filled at contract pharmacies!

4,200+ Erie patients fill their insulin and diabetes meds with the 340B discount program.

Almost **2,000** 340B inhalers were filled for pediatric patients.

202 patients living with HIV/ AIDs got their life-saving meds at an Erie 340B contract pharmacy, as did **131** PrEP patients!



Erie serves **80,000+** patients each year.

Nearly **90%** of our patients have household incomes **<200%** of the FPL.

Erie patients live in **185+** different ZIP Codes across Chicagoland.

Our Mission:

Motivated by the belief that healthcare is human right, Erie Family Health Centers provides high quality, affordable care to support healthier people, families and communities.

Our Vision: All people living their healthiest lives.