

340B in Action

Woman's Hospital • Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The 340B prescription drug program helps our hospital meet the healthcare needs of the underserved in the community. This federal drug discount program is designed to reach only those hospitals that provide a high level of services to low-income individuals. Significantly more 340B hospitals provide money-losing vital health services than non-340B hospitals, including labor and delivery and HIV-AIDS services.

Our Background:

Woman's Hospital is the 17th ranked hospital in the country for total births, with more than 8,000 deliveries each year. Woman's is recognized throughout the country for its innovative programs for women and their families. Our comprehensive services range from obstetrical care, to weight loss surgery and fitness services, to general surgery and breast care. Resources include a mobile mammography program and a vast array of preventative health services.

Our 340B Story:

\$11 M	Our approximate annual 340B savings
\$33 M	Our approximate annual drug expense
53.84%	Our disproportionate share (DSH) percentage, a measure of a hospital's Medicaid and low-income Medicare caseload

Our 340B savings enable us to increase access to care for our low-income or otherwise vulnerable patients through:

- Mobile mammography to underserved communities. Over 4500 women annually receive mammograms through the mobile service.
- Bedside prescription delivery service to improve medication adherence and reduce readmission for high-risk patients
- Expanding discharge prescription coverage for uninsured or underinsured patients. Over 500 high risk patients receive medication counseling by a Clinical Pharmacist.
- Opening a Cancer Pavilion for women's gynecologic and breast cancer services. Over 1000 women are treated annually.
- Providing over \$175,000 HIV post-exposure prophylaxis drugs free of charge to victims of sexual assault through grants or internal patient assistance programs.
- Guiding Recovery & Creating Empowerment (GRACE) program for pregnant women suffering from opioid misuse, alcohol or tobacco addiction
- Providing \$10 million in specialty gene therapy medications to treat spinal muscular atrophy in infants, a serious condition of the nerves that causes muscle wasting and weakness
- Administering over 400 human papillomavirus vaccines (\$108,000) to prevent cancer causing infections and pre-cancers to women receiving care in a clinic for low income/indigent patients