

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:

\$1 M	Our approximate annual 340B savings
\$5 M	Our approximate annual drug expense
44%	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
- Bedside prescription delivery service to improve medication adherence and reduce readmission
- Expanding discharge prescription coverage for uninsured or underinsured patients
- Opening a Cancer Pavilion for women's gynecologic and breast cancer services
- Providing HIV post-exposure prophylaxis for victims of sexual assault