

# The 340B ACCESS Act:

## Comprehensive Reform to Help Patients and Underserved Communities



The 340B Drug Pricing Program has strayed from its original mission. Decades of rapid growth have not translated into meaningful benefits for the patients it was designed to serve. Instead, a lack of oversight and accountability has allowed billions of dollars intended for vulnerable communities to be diverted away from patient care.

*The 340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-Net Act (340B ACCESS Act) (H.R. 5256)*, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Reps. Buddy Carter (R-GA) and Diana Harshbarger (R-TN), would make the comprehensive federal reforms needed to put patients and underserved communities first.

Here's what the 340B ACCESS Act would do:

### Lower Costs for Patients

Participating hospitals will be required to directly lower patients' out-of-pocket drug costs via a sliding fee scale. As a result of these changes, nearly **50 million** patients will be eligible for lower prescription drug costs.



### Stop Abuse by Corporate Middlemen

Middlemen like pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) will be prevented from siphoning savings meant for patients. Fees charged by PBMs, pharmacies, and other third parties would be limited to maximize the amount of savings that reach patients.

New guidelines on hospitals establishing so-called "child sites" will ensure they are not simply used to increase their 340B footprint in wealthy areas and capture additional program revenue.



## Promote Greater Program Integrity

Updated eligibility requirements will refocus the program towards safety-net providers treating low-income patients.

340B hospitals will be prohibited from using aggressive debt collection practices that penalize vulnerable communities.



## Ensure Accountability and Transparency

Clearer criteria will be set for contract pharmacy arrangements. Contract pharmacies would be recognized in the statute and new policies would be put in place to prevent abuse and preserve access for patients.

For the first time, hospitals will be required to report how they use 340B savings, held to the same standards as community health centers and other federal grantees.



Enhanced federal oversight and enforcement will ensure all 340B entities meet program requirements and serve the communities 340B was designed to help.

Will establish a new national clearinghouse to verify claim eligibility and create program-wide accountability while protecting patient privacy.

**Congress: Support the  
340B ACCESS Act (H.R. 5256)  
to make 340B work  
for patients.**

