

The Value of the 340B Drug Pricing Program to the Community We Serve

Saint Alphonus Medical Center--Baker City

Located in Baker City, in beautiful eastern Oregon, Saint Alphonus Medical Center--Baker City is a critical access hospital that provides the full continuum of care from acute to long-term-care services. Nestled beneath the Elkhorn Mountains, Saint Alphonus Medical Center--Baker City serves Baker County and surrounding areas. Our Mission to serve as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities is supported by our core values of Reverence, Commitment to Those Who are Poor, Justice, Stewardship, and Integrity. Saint Alphonus Medical Center--Baker City provides access to life-saving care in addition to providing for the basic healthcare needs of the community.

THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM: Saint Alphonus Medical Center--Baker City responds to the needs of communities across our region in many ways. The savings we receive from the 340B Drug Pricing program help us respond to community needs by allowing us to:

- Collaborate with the local school district to implement and sustain the GoNoodle program to increase physical activity. GoNoodle creatively weaves short bursts of physical activity into the school day, teaching kids the lifetime benefits of movement. Also collaborating with the local YMCA to implement a Diabetes Prevention Program within our community.
- Participate in the Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) within the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization with members including public health, mental health, hospital systems, and community leaders. In FY18, the LCAC hosted a teen carnival that brought health awareness and education to the teen population, enforcing the need to obtain wellness exams and to create a relationship with dental, mental health and physical health providers. A 3-night teen wellness event provided wellness exams for teens, offering different stations including dental, physical health, mental health, reproductive health, immunizations, and sports health - all in one location.
- Provide needed medical services that operate on low reimbursement and sometimes negative margins, but fill a vital community need. For example, Saint Alphonus Medical Center--Baker City provides a Level 4 Trauma Center, unusual for a small rural facility but much appreciated by the local community.



LIKELY IMPACT IF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM WERE TO BE SCALED BACK: If the 340B program were to be scaled back, Saint Alphonus Medical Center--Baker City would be forced to make difficult decisions such as drastically reducing clinical care and drug access to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured patients. The 340B drug pricing program helps us provide critical health care services to those most vulnerable in our community.