

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

Saint Alphonsus Medical Center--Ontario

Saint Alphonsus Medical Center--Ontario is a 49-bed acute care, not-for-profit hospital, serving Ontario and the surrounding communities in eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho. 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 Alphonsus Medical Center--Ontario 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 Alphonsus Medical Center--Ontario 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:

- Partner with Malheur County and Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) on the allied health program through the Poverty to Prosperity Initiative. This initiative focuses on removing barriers to education and overcoming poverty by empowering citizens to maximize their potential through expanding the county's current career technical education services for high school juniors and seniors.
- Continue the program that began in 2015 to provide professional athletic trainers to local high schools to reduce student injuries and create more physical activity opportunities for local students. In addition, local students are provided nutrition education through this partnership.
- Financially support the creation of a splash pad within the Ontario community park system to provide affordable physical activity for the community during the summer months.
- Provide needed medical services that operate on low reimbursement and sometimes negative margins, but fill a vital community need.

LIKELY IMPACT IF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM WERE TO BE

SCALED BACK: If the 340B program were to be scaled back, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center--Ontario 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.

