

RetireSafe

Standing up for America's Seniors!

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Dear Members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health,

I am writing today on behalf of my senior advocacy organization, RetireSafe, to urge you to enact federal reform to fix the easily-abused 340B program. Following your hearing, *Lowering Health Care Costs for All Americans: An Examination of the U.S. Provider Landscape*, I encourage you to call out how some covered entities currently pocket savings intended for low-income patients, driving up prices for those in need.

The 340B program was created to help vulnerable patients access treatments and medications despite high costs, but, due to a lack of transparency and oversight, it has allowed 340B hospitals to boost their bottom lines by pocketing savings meant for patients. The 340B Program allows participating hospitals and clinics to purchase drugs at discounted rates so they can then offer them to patients at reduced prices. However, there is no requirement that they pass these savings along, meaning there is actually an incentive for 340B covered entities to prescribe more and more expensive drugs as they continue to overcharge patients and increase their margins.

As a result of the profit-motivated expansion, the program is driving up premiums for [Medicare Part B](#), which many seniors rely on to access the provider-administered infusions and injections they need to live long, healthy lives. This means 340B hospitals continue to rake in more profits while America's seniors pay the price.

There are a few key fixes that would implement much-needed guardrails on the program. The [340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-net Act](#) (340B ACCESS Act) would bring much-needed transparency requirements to the program to help ensure 340B hospitals pass along savings. Additionally, the recently proposed 340B Rebate Model Program would require the sharing of data that could provide insight into how bad actors are abusing the program and provide a roadmap to reforms that would see low-income patients and seniors directly benefit from 340B.

I implore you to work to pass legislation and support policies to stop covered entities from taking advantage of America's patients through the 340B program. Regardless of initial intentions, a program that allows hospitals to profit while seniors and low-income individuals pay increased prices (lest they be forced to go without care altogether) has no place in America's healthcare system. Thank you for your commitment to addressing the mechanisms and players driving high healthcare costs. As you explore solutions, reforming the 340B program should be a key focus.

Sincerely,

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