

FACTS ABOUT PENN HIGHLANDS HEALTHCARE

# 340B DRUG PROGRAM



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### **What is the 340B Drug Pricing Program?**

The U.S. Congress enacted Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to provide qualifying individuals with access to outpatient drugs at reduced costs. The 340B Drug Pricing Program exists to raise the quality of healthcare for people who are more likely to receive inadequate medical care. The guidelines for participation include people who are underinsured and/or those who meet certain federal income levels for uncompensated care. **Penn Highlands Healthcare meets the requirements to be a 340B-eligible health system to provide these reduced-rate prescriptions.**

### **Why does Penn Highlands Healthcare participate in the 340B Program?**

Penn Highlands Healthcare does not want the inability to afford medication to deter anyone from seeking care. With the cost of healthcare continuously increasing, it is our intention to help patients have access to the care and medications they need even if they are uninsured, underinsured, ineligible for government programs or otherwise unable to pay.

### **How does this impact Penn Highlands Healthcare employees?**

At Penn Highlands Healthcare, our employees are the heart of our health system. As a participant in the 340B Drug Program, we are extending the ability to have low-cost medications to our employees system wide — regardless of your income — as one of our medical benefits.

### **How do I take advantage of the 340B Drug Program savings?**

Employees who participate in the Penn Highlands Healthcare Highmark medical benefits plans (PPO and HDHP plans) are eligible for 340B reduced-rate prescriptions.

Under our plans, the prescription copays are determined based on the drug cost. If your prescription is 340B eligible, your copay will be based on the 340B drug cost and you will pay less if it is filled at an eligible Penn Highlands Home Host Community Pharmacy. Under the federal government, pharmacies must meet certain eligibility requirements to be considered a 340B home host community pharmacy.

### How is my prescription cost calculated?

Drug costs are calculated based on the plan in which you participate.

#### **PHH Highmark PPO Plan**

Retail drugs filled through Penn Highlands Healthcare Home Host Community Pharmacies — Copay: Member responsibility is \$2 PLUS 20% of the drug cost. Specialty Drugs — Copay: \$0

#### **PHH Highmark High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)**

Retail drugs through Penn Highlands Healthcare Home Host Community Pharmacies — Integrated with PHH deductible — Copay: Member is responsible for \$2 PLUS 30% of drug cost after deductible. Specialty Drugs — Copay: \$0 after deductible is met.

### How can I get a 340B-eligible prescription?

Employees can continue to see their normal providers; however, in order to obtain a 340B-eligible prescription, the patient must have an appointment or telemedicine visit with an eligible Penn Highlands DuBois provider. The prescription must be prescribed by this eligible provider. Physicians and APPs must meet certain federal eligibility requirements to be able to prescribe 340B prescriptions.

### How can I find a 340B-eligible provider?

For employees outside of the Northwestern region, Penn Highlands Healthcare operates a Medication Management Clinic at 529 Sunflower Drive, DuBois, Pennsylvania. To schedule an appointment or telemedicine visit, employees and dependents can call 814-375-6644. If an employee has a telemedicine visit, they will not be charged a copay for the telemedicine visit.

### Where do I get my 340B-eligible prescription filled?

To take advantage of the 340B savings, your prescription must be filled by a Penn Highlands Healthcare pharmacy. The Penn Highlands Healthcare 340B-eligible provider will transmit your prescription to Penn Highlands Community Pharmacy DuBois (814-375-6165). Prescriptions can be sent via courier for pickup at the inpatient hospital pharmacy near you.

### How do I pay for my 340B-eligible prescriptions?

Once the prescription is transmitted to the Penn Highlands Community Pharmacy in DuBois, they will contact you for payment of your copay. You can pay by debit or credit card or your flexible spending account or health savings account card. Please check with the pharmacy in the hospital where you will pick up the prescription to learn if they offer additional payment options.