



# The 340B Program

## A Lifeline for Equitable Health Care:

In 1992, Congress established a federal program to help safety-net health care providers, like Hudson Headwaters, stretch limited resources at no cost to taxpayers. The 340B Federal Drug Pricing Program enables eligible providers, like Hudson Headwaters, to buy medications from drug manufacturers at lower prices. As the program requires, the Network then invests those 340B savings in core programs and services that provide essential care for our patients and communities. These include primary and preventive health care, dental, obstetrics & gynecology, behavioral health and much more.

In 2020, pharmaceutical companies began denying or restricting 340B discount prices, severely reducing Hudson Headwaters' access to 340B savings. While the Network has continued to meet the growing needs of our communities, we have lost mission-critical resources that 340B provides. If this program does not receive government intervention, it could be devastating to our region. Around the nation and state, changes to 340B are forcing providers to reduce or eliminate services, downsize operations and even close health center locations.

The 340B program is a lifeline for health centers and their patients. We need NYS to take action to reform and protect 340B, preventing for-profit entities from implementing policies that limit the program and reduce access to care.

## 340B at Work:

The 340B Federal Drug Pricing Program allows Hudson Headwaters to:

- Provide core primary care services including pediatrics, OB/GYN and care management.
- Offer medication discounts and other financial assistance programs for eligible patients.
- Maintain and improve health care facilities.
- Offer many other critical programs and services to meet community needs.

## What You Can Do to Help:

Contact your representatives and let them know you care about high quality, accessible health care in rural communities like your home of Upstate New York. Let them know that by protecting 340B, patients will continue to have access to vital health care services at no cost to taxpayers.