

340B in Action:

Abbeville General Hospital

Abbeville, LA



The 340B prescription drug program continues to be an essential element in providing affordable medicine, which might otherwise be unobtainable, for many of our local residents, providing them “access to quality care, close to home.” This program allows Abbeville General to deliver high level services to low-income individuals, as well as patients living in a rural area, often times uninsured and in a geographical area with limited resources. The 340B program has enabled AG to continue offering healthcare services that would not ordinarily be cost effective for the hospital to maintain. Operating as a non-profit entity, the savings that 340B generates allows for additional services to be offered, creating a win-win situation for our patients, community, and our hospital.

Our 340B Story

- Abbeville General Hospital began serving others in 1966 as a community based, non-profit healthcare provider. Today, the hospital consists of a 60-bed acute care hospital, along with five rural healthcare clinics, including specialties for women and children.
- Approx. 20 miles away from the next closest institution that provides similar services

340B by the Numbers

- 20** Miles away from the next closest institution that provides similar services
- \$8M** Approximate uncompensated care provided on an annual basis.
- 42** Percent of our patients that are Medicaid, Medicare, or uninsured
- 17.3** Percent of people living in poverty in Vermilion Parish
- \$1.8M** Estimated savings for past year (2020).

We use our 340B Savings to:

- In 2020, Abbeville General, began offering treatment for Hepatitis C, through its Erath/Delcambre Rural Health Clinic. Through a need identified in the community and with the savings provided through 340B with this program, Abbeville General will be able to continue to offer care in other areas of need to our “medically underserved area.”
- Provide care to cancer patients through our Infusion Therapy program. Without the savings offered by the 340B Program, Abbeville General would be unable to provide this much-needed service to our rural, underserved community. Without this savings, our cancer patients would have to travel at least 30 minutes away to receive these potentially lifesaving treatments.