

## 340B in Louisiana

### Key Points

- ▶ Louisiana's low-income taxpayers are required to utilize for-profit pharmacies in Hawaii, Pennsylvania, and California.
- ▶ For profit chain drug store benefit from a federal program to support low-income Louisiana taxpayers.
- ▶ 54% of contract pharmacies intended to serve poor patients in Louisiana are located in affluent neighborhoods.
- ▶ Louisiana 340B hospitals (1.63%) provide less charity care than the national average (2.15%).

**37% of 340B contract pharmacies for the Louisiana hospitals with the most contract pharmacies are based outside the state. Some of the pharmacies are in Hawaii, Pennsylvania and California.**

Top 5 Hospitals in Louisiana	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies outside the State Lines
Ochsner Clinic Foundation	165	26 (16%)
West Jefferson Medical Center	124	51 (41%)
Touro Infirmary	120	47 (39%)
University Medical Center New Orleans	95	43 (45%)
Southwest Louisiana Hospital Association	88	53 (60%)

**Top 340B top contract pharmacy supposedly serving Louisiana low-income patients is owned by a for profit Chain Drug Store and for profit PBMs.**

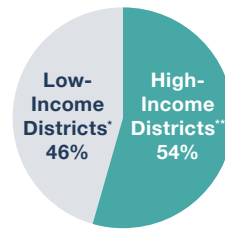
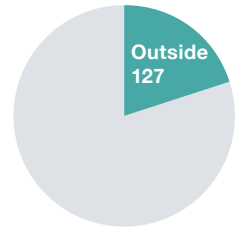
Top 5 340B Pharmacies with Most Contracts in Louisiana	PBM Owned Pharmacy	Chain Pharmacy
Avita Pharmacy 1040		✓
Avita Pharmacy 1037		✓
Reliant Medical LLC Dba Reliant Healthcare	✓ (Optum/United Healthcare)	
Bioplus Speciality Pharmacy LA, LLC	✓ (CarelonRX)	
Avita Pharmacy 1038		✓

**Top Louisiana hospital with the highest operating expenses eligible for 340B discounts provides less charity care than the state and national averages.**

Top Louisiana 340B Hospital with The Highest Operating Expenses	Charity Care
Ochsner Clinic Foundation	0.42%

**20% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving poor patients in Louisiana are located outside the state.**

- Total number of contract pharmacies intended to serve low-income patients in Louisiana – **646**
- Number of contract pharmacies intended to serve Louisiana's low-income patients that are located outside of Louisiana – **127**



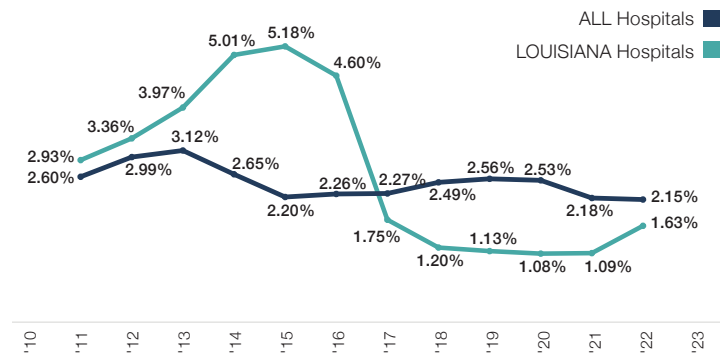
**54% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving the poor are in affluent neighborhoods in Louisiana.**

- **18.9%** of the population living in poverty

\* **Low-Income Districts:** house districts where the percentage of the population living in poverty is above the average state poverty percentage

\*\* **High-Income Districts:** house districts where the percentage of the population living in poverty is below the average state poverty percentage

**Cost of Charity Care as a Share of Operating Expenses - All vs Louisiana 340B Reporting Hospitals**



**Charity Cost Ratios for Insured and Uninsured Patients State: Louisiana, Hospitals: All**

