

340B in Mississippi

Key Points

- Mississippi's low-income taxpayers are required to utilize for-profit pharmacies in Hawaii and California.
- Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) owned for-profit contract pharmacies benefit from a federal program intended to support low-income Michigan taxpayers.
- More than half of contract pharmacies intended to serve poor patients in Mississippi are located in affluent neighborhoods.
- ► Mississippi 340B hospitals (3.35%) provide greater charity care than the national average (2.28%).

50% of 340B contract pharmacies for the Mississippi hospitals with the most contract pharmacies are based outside the state. Some of the pharmacies are in Hawaii and California.

Top 5 Hospitals in Mississippi	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies outside the State Lines	Farthest 340B Pharmacy Location Serving Mississippi Patients
University of Miss Medical Center	154	57 (37%)	Hawaii (4176 miles)
Singing River Health System	99	59 (60%)	Hawaii (4176 miles)
Singing River Gulfport	87	48 (55%)	Hawaii (4176 miles)
Memorial Hospital At Gulfport	86	40 (47%)	California (2130 miles)
North Mississippi Medical Center	85	51 (60%)	California (2130 miles)

Average Charity Care Ratio - All vs. Mississippi Hospitals

25% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving poor patients in Mississippi are located outside the state.

- Total number of contract pharmacies intended to serve needy patients in Mississippi – 447
- Number of contract pharmacies intended to serve Mississippi's needy patients that are located outside of Mississippi – 110



High-
Income
Districts**
51%

More than half of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving the poor are in affluent neighborhoods in Mississippi.

- 19.1% 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

Top 340B contract pharmacy supposedly serving Mississippi needy patients are PBM owned pharmacies.

Top 5 340B Pharmacies with Most Contracts in Mississippi	PBM Owned Pharmacy	Chain Pharmacy
Optum Pharmacy 705, LLC	✓ (Optum/United)	
Noble Health Services, Inc.		
Walgreen Co.		~
Mississippi CVS Pharmacy, L.L.C.		~
Abitacare LLC		

Top Mississippi hospital with the highest operating expenses eligible for 340B discounts provide less charity care than the state and national averages

Top Mississippi 340B Hospital with The Highest Operating Expenses	Charity Care
Memorial Hospital At Gulfport	1.1%



2022 Total Cost of Charity Care \$16,002,540,724

