

340B in North Carolina

Key Points

- ▶ North Carolina's low-income taxpayers are required to utilize for-profit pharmacies in Hawaii.
- ▶ Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) owned for-profit contract pharmacies benefit from a federal program intended to support low-income North Carolina taxpayers.
- ▶ 44% of contract pharmacies intended to serve poor patients in North Carolina are located in affluent neighborhoods.
- ▶ North Carolina 340B hospitals (3.66%) provide more charity care than the national average (2.15%).

33% of 340B contract pharmacies for the North Carolina hospitals with the most contract pharmacies are based outside the state. Some of the pharmacies are in Hawaii.

Top 5 Hospitals in North Carolina	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies outside the State Lines
Presbyterian Hospital	193	62 (32%)
Forsyth Memorial Hospital Inc	143	38 (27%)
Carolinas Medical Center	133	51 (38%)
North Carolina Baptist Hospital	131	43 (33%)
The Moses H Cone Memorial Hospital Operating Corporation	131	44 (34%)

Top 340B contract pharmacy supposedly serving North Carolina low-income patients are owned by a for profit PBMs.

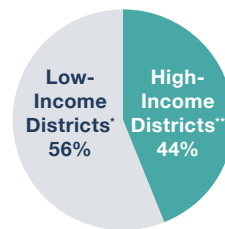
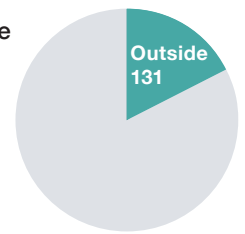
Top 5 340B Pharmacies with Most Contracts in North Carolina	PBM Owned Pharmacy	Chain Pharmacy
Caremark North Carolina Specialty Pharma	✓ (Caremark/CVS Health)	
Bioplus Specialty Pharmacy Services, LLC	✓ (Elevance Health)	
Optum Pharmacy 701, LLC	✓ (Optum/United)	
Biologics, Inc.		
Optum Infusion Services 553, LLC	✓ (Optum/United)	

Top North Carolina hospital with the highest operating expenses eligible for 340B discounts provides less charity care than the state average but more than the national average.

Top North Carolina 340B Hospital with The Highest Operating Expenses	Charity Care
Carolinas Medical Center	2.98%

17% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving poor patients in North Carolina are located outside the state.

- Total number of contract pharmacies intended to serve low-income patients in North Carolina – **756**
- Number of contract pharmacies intended to serve North Carolina's low-income patients that are located outside of North Carolina – **131**

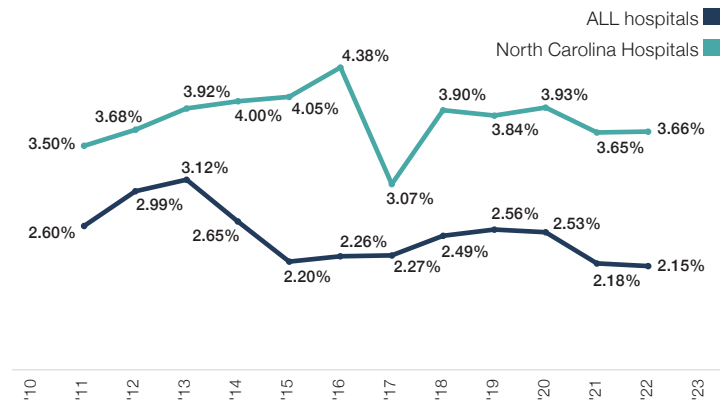


44% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving the poor are in affluent neighborhoods in North Carolina.

- **12.8%** 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 North Carolina 340B Reporting Hospitals



Charity Cost Ratios for Insured and Uninsured Patients State: North Carolina, Hospitals: All

