

340B in Washington

Key Points

- Washington's low-income taxpayers are required to utilize for-profit pharmacies in Florida.
- Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) owned pharmacies benefit from a federal program intended to support lowincome Washington taxpayers.
- ▶ 46% of contract pharmacies intended to serve poor patients in Washington are located in affluent neighborhoods.
- ► Washington 340B hospitals (1.79%) provide less charity care than the national average (2.28%).

34% of 340B contract pharmacies for the Washington hospitals with the most contract pharmacies are based outside the state. Some of the pharmacies are in Florida.

Top 5 Hospitals in Washington	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies outside the State Lines	Farthest 340B Pharmacy Location Serving Washington Patients
Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital	192	40 (21%)	Florida (2952 miles)
Mary Bridge Children's Hospital/Health Center	158	39 (25%)	Florida (2952 miles)
University of Washington Medical Center	118	49 (42%)	Florida (2952 miles)
Public Hospital District No 1 Of King County Valley Medical Center	108	57 (53%)	Florida (2952 miles)
Harborview Medical Center	105	45 (43%)	Florida (2952 miles)

Average Charity Care Ratio - All vs. Washington Hospitals

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

- Total number of contract pharmacies intended to serve low-income patients in Washington – 626
- Number of contract pharmacies intended to serve Washington's low-income patients that are located outside of Washington – 126



Low-Income Districts* 46%

46% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving the poor are in affluent neighborhoods in Washington.

- 10% 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 Washington low-income patients are owned by for profit PBMs and Chain Drug Store.

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Top 5 340B Pharmacies with Most Contracts in Washington	PBM Owned Pharmacy	Chain Pharmacy
Optum Pharmacy 701, LLC	✓ (Optum/United)	
Procare Pharmacy, L.L.C.	✓ (Caremark/CVS Health	
Walgreen Co.		~
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Top Washington hospital with the highest operating expenses eligible for 340B discounts provides greater charity care than the state and national averages.

Top Washington 340B Hospital with The Highest Operating Expenses	Charity Care
Providence Health & Services - Washington	3.2%



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

