

340B in West Virginia

Key Points

- West Virginia's low-income taxpayers are required to utilize for-profit pharmacies in Hawaii, Arizona, and California.
- ► For profit chains benefit from federal program intended to support low-income West Virginia taxpayers.
- Half of the contract pharmacies intended to serve poor patients in West Virginia are located in affluent neighborhoods.
- ► Top West Virginia 340B hospitals (1.02%) provide less charity care than the national average (2.28%).

Top 340B contract pharmacies supposedly serving West Virginia low-income patients are owned by for profit chain drug stores.

Top 5 340B Pharmacies with Most Contracts in West Virginia	PBM Owned Pharmacy	Chain Pharmacy
Allied Health Services		✓
CVS Pharmacy		✓
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Walgreens		✓
CVS Pharmacy		✓

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

Top West Virginia 340B Hospital with The Highest Operating Expenses	Charity Care
West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.	0.9%

Average Charity Care Ratio - All vs. West Virginia Hospitals



36% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving poor patients in West Virginia are located outside the state.

- Total number of contract pharmacies intended to serve low-income patients in West Virginia – 431
- Number of contract pharmacies intended to serve West Virginia's low-income patients that are located outside of West Virginia – 156



Low-Income Districts' Districts'' 50%

50% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving the poor are in affluent neighborhoods in West Virginia.

- 17.9% 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

53% of 340B contract pharmacies for the West Virginia hospitals with the most contract pharmacies are based outside the state. Some of the pharmacies are in Hawaii and California.

Top 5 Hospitals in West Virginia	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies outside the State Lines	Farthest 340B Pharmacy Location Serving West Virginia Patients
Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc.	113	67 (59%)	Hawaii (4591 miles)
Appalachian Regional Healthcare Inc. Summers Co ARH Hospital	98	70 (71%)	Hawaii (4591 miles)
West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.	95	52 (55%)	Arizona (1728 miles)
Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC)	92	40 (43%)	California (2139 miles)
Thomas Memorial Hospital	87	28 (32%)	Arizona (1728 miles)