Value of the 340B Drug Pricing Program at DRH Health

The Hospitals:

Duncan Regional Hospital is a 110 bed nationally accredited, private nonprofit hospital serving the people of Southwest Oklahoma since 1977. We are a sole community hospital that provides various specialty practices, including wound care, cardiac care, and state of the art cancer care at the Taylor Le Norman/McCasland Cancer Center that opened its doors to patients in 2008. Our Joint Commission certified Joint Replacement Center provides comprehensive orthopedic care with a specialty focus in total joint replacements for the hip and knee. Our 340B program started in January of 2020, adding drug savings to further our mission.

Jefferson County Hospital is an 18-bed Critical Access Hospital that offers 24/7 emergency room care, medically-complex skilled nursing care, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, imaging services, and laboratory. Since opening in 1972, Jefferson County Hospital is dedicated to serving the families of Jefferson County, Oklahoma, and the surrounding area. The Jefferson County 340B program started in January 2017 and has heavily contributed to keeping rural healthcare available to our patients and their families.

Duncan Regional Hospital and Jefferson County Hospital are deeply committed to our mission to provide compassionate and exceptional healthcare while improving our community’s health. We look forward to continued success and investment in the health and well-being of those we serve.

340B: By the Numbers for Fiscal Year 2020

$2.8M: 340B Contract Pharmacy Savings

$27.7M: Uncompensated Care (charity, bad debt, and Medicare / Medicaid underpayment)

$8.8M: Charity Care

$351,650: Drug Cost Savings at JCH
Benefits of the 340B Program

Savings realized through participation in the 340B program support our mission, allowing us to address our communities’ healthcare needs. Some of the healthcare services and improvements made possible with our 340B savings include:

- Supporting Rural Health Clinics that provide primary care services located in Duncan, Ringling, Ryan, Waurika, Velma, Comanche, Marlow, Elgin, and Walters, Oklahoma.
- Supporting our healthcare operations as the only provider of healthcare services in Jefferson and Cotton counties.

Community 340B Projects in Development

- Pass on prescription drug savings to uninsured / underinsured patients to improve outcomes and reduce readmissions at DRH and JCH.
- Work with our contract pharmacy partners to provide a Meds-to-Beds prescription discharge program at DRH and JCH.
- Develop specialty drug contracts and referral processes to provide our hospitals, team members and communities with drug savings.

Impact of Scaling Back the 340B Program

The 340B program was set up by federal statute and is entirely funded by pharmaceutical companies that choose to participate. Our clinics enable us to provide healthcare services in communities that would be otherwise deprived of medical care. DRH and JCH rely on 340B program pricing to offset charity care, bad debt, and Medicare / Medicaid underpayment. Scaling back the 340B program would threaten Duncan Regional and Jefferson County Hospitals’ ability to offer the mission-critical services described above to our patients in Stephens, Grady, Garvin, Carter, Jefferson, Cotton and Comanche counties.