The 340B prescription drug program is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers, supporting critical health services in our communities. The program is narrowly tailored to reach only hospitals that provide a high level of services to low-income individuals or that serve isolated rural communities. Savings from the 340B program help hospitals meet the health care needs of underserved patients across the country. Congress should preserve and protect the 340B program as an essential part of the safety-net that does not rely on taxpayer dollars.

MacNeal Hospital provides quality health care in the near western suburbs and the City of Chicago. In 1919, Dr. Arthur MacNeal opened his Berwyn home to serve the pioneer community’s health care needs. His legacy lives on as a 374-bed fully accredited teaching hospital in Berwyn, Ill. MacNeal has consistently expanded its scope of care to meet the needs of patients of every age. It provides comprehensive services that include obstetrics, orthopedics, cardiology, cardiac rehabilitation, sports medicine, rehabilitation services, oncology, emergency and immediate care services, bariatric surgery and much more. MacNeal offers one of the largest behavioral health services programs in the Chicago area. MacNeal also provides medical education programs, including the first family medicine residency established in Illinois, remaining one of the largest and most dynamic of its kind.

In March of 2018, MacNeal joined Loyola Medicine. Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC), in Maywood, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital (GMH), in Melrose Park and MacNeal Hospital (MNH) in Berwyn further enhance patient care in Chicago’s near west suburbs. Loyola Medicine is a member of Trinity Health, one of the largest Catholic health systems in the country. Trinity Health’s commitment to the communities it serves provides more than $1 billion annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs.

The Benefits of the 340B Program to our Community
MacNeal Hospital is committed to improving the health of the communities we serve through the delivery of a broad range of programs and services in collaboration with internal and external community partners. Today, our 374-bed hospital in Berwyn employs 1,800 individuals and offers comprehensive health care services to all.

The 340B prescription drug program is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers, supporting critical health services in our communities. The program is narrowly tailored to reach only hospitals that provide a high level of services to people experiencing poverty and other vulnerabilities or that serve isolated rural communities. Significantly more 340B hospitals provide money-losing vital health services than non-340B hospitals, which include trauma centers, labor and delivery services, HIV-AIDS services, and immunizations.

We use our 340B savings to help care for all patients regardless of their ability to pay. We operate 6 clinic locations dedicated to provision of care for all patients including the poor and underserved. All employed physicians participate with Medicaid. We experience 60,000 Emergency Department encounters annually which include more than 10,000 trauma emergency patients. We also provide 12,000 Urgent Care visits annually.

Along with the annual $15 million in charity care and uncompensated care, one specific program our savings helps support is our Discharge Prescription program. We are able to fill prescriptions with no cost to patients who are 200% of the Federal Poverty Level with no insurance or with insurance and co-payments that are unaffordable. More than 40% of the MacNeal service area falls within 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Impact if the 340B Program is Scaled Back
If the 340B program is scaled back or eliminated, we would not be able to continue our Prescription Access Program. The health system finances would not continue to support our robust Community Benefit structure. Considerable program...
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reductions and restructuring would be required to maintain an operating margin sufficient to replace critical equipment and to continue to provide essential services to patients in our community.

Many jobs would be lost and our ability to continue being a community safety-net provider jeopardized.

In addition, our ability to provide Oncology care to the uninsured and underinsured patients would be significantly impacted.

Mission

We, Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.

Core Values

Reverence • Commitment to Those Who Are Poor • Safety • Justice • Stewardship • Integrity