The Value of the 340B Drug Pricing Program to the Community We Serve
Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, Baker City

Located in Baker City, in beautiful eastern Oregon, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Baker City (SAMC-Baker City) is a critical access hospital that provides the continuum from acute to long-term-care services. Nestled beneath the Elkhorn Mountains, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Baker City serves Baker County and surrounding areas. Our Mission to serve as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities is supported by our core values of Reverence, Commitment to Those Who are Poor, Justice, Stewardship, and Integrity. Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Baker City provides access to life-saving care in addition to providing for the basic healthcare needs of the community.

THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM: Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Baker City responds to the needs of communities across our region in many ways. The savings we receive from the 340B Drug Pricing program help us respond to community needs by allowing us to:

- SAMC-Baker City supports access to affordable childcare and early childhood education through funding and community health worker support of the Baker Early Learning Center (BELC), a YMCA-led early childhood education center for infants, toddlers, and school age children within the 5J School District. Community Health Workers assisted with connecting patients to primary care providers, advocated with the local community advisory council to bring additional services to the area, and assisted patients with connecting to mental health and substance abuse resources.

- Develop Community Health Worker Hub to assess and engage in addressing the social influencers of health such as access to food, housing, childcare, financial assistance, medication assistance and access to medical care. Community Health Workers (CHW) focus on connecting patients and community members to local social care resources.

- Support healthcare workforce development efforts by hosting rural clinical rotations for RNs, CNAs, Physical Therapists, and Radiology Interns.
• Address significant transportation barriers through critical and timely financial support of Community Connections, a community partner who provides medical transports to homebound individuals within Baker County.

• Participate in the Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) within the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization with members including public health, mental health, hospital systems, and community leaders. In FY18, the LCAC hosted a teen carnival that brought health awareness and education to the teen population, enforcing the need to obtain wellness exams and to create a relationship with dental, mental health and physical health providers.

• Provide needed medical services that operate on low reimbursement and sometimes negative margins but fill a vital community need. For example, Saint Alphonsus Baker City provides a Level 4 Trauma Center, unusual for a small rural facility but much appreciated by the local community.

**LIKELY IMPACT IF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM WERE TO BE SCALED BACK:** If the 340B program were to be scaled back, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Baker City would be forced to make difficult decisions such as drastically reducing clinical care and drug access to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured patients. The 340B drug pricing program helps us provide critical health care services to those most vulnerable in our community.