Care for the Common Good

Value of the 340B Program
Saint Agnes Medical Center, Fresno, Calif.

The 340B 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.

Saint Agnes Medical Center (SAMC) is a Catholic health care ministry, not-for-profit hospital with 436 acute care beds, located in Fresno, Calif. SAMC serves the community members of Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare counties. SAMC’s 2,533 staff and 902 active volunteers work diligently to serve the needs of 1.1 million patrons in its service area. Our growth continues with Saint Agnes Care, a nonprofit subsidiary of Saint Agnes Medical Center comprised of primary, specialty and urgent care clinics, which now includes a network of more than 80 providers at 20 locations in Fresno and Clovis. SAMC provides significant care to vulnerable populations, including $22,255,124 in community benefits for fiscal year 2022.

The Benefits of the 340B Program to our Community

Maintenance of vital health care services:
• Access to 24/7 emergency services.
• Continued maintenance and support for our urgent care centers.
• Continued maintenance and growth of our provider network and residency clinic.
• Health care enrollment assistance to more than 1700 people annually.
• Continued maintenance and support health profession education for nursing and other professions.
• Saint Agnes Health Hub support for health care navigation assistance and social service linkages.

Support and Nourishment of Community Health Programs:
• Support for women and families experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness and services to people experiencing mental and behavioral health needs, and substance use issues at the Holy Cross Health and Wellness Center.
• Free patient care and family support for heart health, grief counseling, smoking cessation, ostomy and wound care.
• Health literacy programs to people with chronic disease, including diabetes, congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
• Housing and transportation to more than 2,200 people.
• Baby-friendly services to new moms and families.
• SAMC Community Grant program – supporting trauma informed care, Adverse Childhood Experiences, community transformation, food security, mobile clinics, and higher education.
• In fiscal year 2022, SAMC supported strategies for addressing health and social care needs of farmworkers and families working in Fresno County, including, but not limited to, coordinating mobile vaccination clinics for more than 5,000 families.

Impact if the 340B Program is Scaled Back
• Reduction of Provider Network and Urgent Care Centers – These two essential pieces of our organization form the basis for comprehensive and cost-effective care for our patient population. Reduction in urgent care access will result in increased and more costly visits to the emergency department.
• Potential reduction to profession education support in an area that is already medically underserved.
• Negative impact on patient care due to lessened resources to reinvest in facilities, equipment, workforce and other strategic initiatives.

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