

340B Outpatient Drug Discount Program

To help Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTC) sustain their eligible patients, Congress created the 340B Program as part of the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992. Also known as the Public Health Service Program (PHS), the 340B Program is a federal drug-pricing program that allows the HTC to get medications for their patients at a reduced cost.

The East Carolina University Hemophilia Treatment Center offers bleeding disorder medications, including factor replacement products, at prices much lower than commercial pharmacies through the federal 340B outpatient drug discount program. The federal government requires that the money generated by the 340B Program be used only to maintain and enhance comprehensive care at the HTC. This helps us meet the needs of patients throughout their lifetime, including transition from pediatric to adult care. ECU's HTC reinvests their savings back into the HTC in order to hire staff, purchase equipment, and expand services to improve patient care and serve more patients.

Pharmacy Benefits to Our Patients

- Most cost-effective prescription medicines
- Potential Copay Assistance
- Verification of Insurance Coverage including Benefits Review
- Assistance with Insurance Appeals
- Financial Hardship Review
- Compassionate Product Options

ECU HTC Benefits

- Purchase of Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Machine, Blanket Warmer, Vein Finder, and other clinic equipment
- Educational Resources and Training for staff on latest treatments
- Staff for HTC Clinic including Physical Therapist, Nurse Practitioner, Social Worker, Child Life Specialist, and others
- Educational Events and Resources for Patients and Families
- Supplies for Patient Services including ice packs, ace bandages, loaner assistive devices
- Home Health Nursing Availability (here or under Pharmacy Benefits?)
- Funding for Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders Patients to attend Camp Rainbow

How do I get started with the 340B program?

Let your ECU Treatment Center Staff know! ECU works with the UNC HTC Network Pharmacy for the 340B program. Your medication is delivered directly to your home or work place. Your insurance claims are filed for you and the billing staff works with you to verify coverage or follow up on a claim. And, of course, there are no additional charges for infusion supplies or shipping.

Participation in the program is voluntary. You will still get the same outstanding care you have always gotten, even if you choose not to be a part of the program. Ask your HTC nurse or provider if you are interested in participating in ECU Hemophilia Treatment Center's 340B Program.