

340B in Georgia

Key Points

- Georgia's low-income taxpayers are required to utilize for-profit pharmacies in Hawaii.
- Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) owned pharmacies and chain drug stores benefit from a federal program intended to support low-income Georgia taxpayers.
- ▶ 43% of contract pharmacies intended to serve poor patients in Georgia are located in affluent neighborhoods.
- Georgia 340B hospitals (4.92%) provide more charity care than the national average (2.15%).

60% of 340B contract pharmacies for the Georgia hospitals with the most contract pharmacies are based outside the state. Some of the pharmacies are in Hawaii.

Top 5 Hospitals in Georgia	# of 340B Contract pharmacies	# of 340B Contract Pharmacies outside the State Lines
Au Medical Center, Inc.	115	67 (58%)
Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc	74	48 (65%)
Tanner Medical Center/Villa Rica	74	28 (38%)
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital	67	47 (70%)
Piedmont Rockdale Hospital, Inc.	64	48 (75%)

Top 340B contract pharmacies in Georgia serving low-income patients are owned by for profit PBMs and retail chain drug stores.

Top 5 340B Pharmacies with Most Contracts in Georgia	PBM Owned Pharmacy	Chain Pharmacy
Curant Health Georgia LLC		
Procare Pharmacy, LLC	✓ (Caremark/CVS Health)	
Walgreen Co		~
Optum Infusion Services 209, Inc.	✓ (Optum/United)	
Walgreen Co		~

Top Georgia hospital with the highest operating expenses eligible for 340B discounts provides less charity care than the state average but more charity care than the national average.

Top Georgia 340B Hospital with The Highest Operating Expenses	Charity Care
Northside Hospital, Inc.	4.76%

30% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving poor patients in Georgia are located outside the state.

- Total number of contract pharmacies intended to serve low-income patients in Georgia – 359
- Number of contract pharmacies intended to serve Georgia's low-income patients that are located outside of Georgia – 108





43% of 340B pharmacies supposedly serving the poor are in affluent neighborhoods in Georgia.

. 13.6% of the population living in poverty

- Low-Income Districts: house districts where the percentage of the population living in poverty is above the average state poverty percentage
- ** High-Income Districts: house districts where the percentage of the population living in poverty is below the average state poverty percentage

Cost of Charity Care as a Share of Operating Expenses -All vs Georgia 340B Reporting Hospitals



Charity Cost Ratios for Insured and Uninsured Patients State: <u>Georgia</u>, Hospitals: <u>All</u>







