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AIR340B Gains Five New Members

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 19, 2017) - The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) announced the addition of five new members to the coalition: Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW), Genentech, Medical Oncology Association of Southern California Inc. (MOASC), the National Medical Association (NMA), and the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians (NCAPIP). These organizations join the diverse group of health care stakeholders that have come together to advance reforms that strengthen and sustain 340B.

"We are pleased to welcome these six new members to the AIR340B Coalition," said Stephanie Silverman. "They will be a tremendous resource to our coalition as we work to educate policymakers on the need to modernize the 340B program."

[Citizens Against Government Waste \(CAGW\)](#) is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization representing more than one million members and supporters nationwide. CAGW's mission is to eliminate waste, mismanagement, and inefficiency in the federal government. *"Our organization has been concerned with the immense growth of the 340B program, particularly these past six years. We look forward to working with AIR 340B to help return the drug discount program to its original purpose of helping uninsured, indigent patients get direct access to affordable prescription drugs rather than seeing the program exploited by hospitals for the purpose of generating revenue."*

[Genentech](#) is a leading biotechnology company that discovers, develops, manufactures and commercializes medicines to treat patients with serious or life-threatening medical conditions. *"All treatment decisions should be based on clinical judgement and the best interest of the patient. Genentech supports modernizing the 340B program to ensure that lifesaving medication continue to be available to vulnerable, uninsured patients."*

[Medical Oncology Association of Southern California, Inc. \(MOASC\)](#) seeks to ensure access to quality and affordable care for cancer patients within their communities. MOASC has represented more than 400 oncologists in California and neighboring states. *"The uncontrolled growth of the 340B program has resulted in the consolidation of oncology treatment centers*

that have decreased local treatment access and increased medical costs. Oversight is needed to ensure cancer treatment is available in local and community health facilities that allow patients to undergo treatment in a setting close to home.”

[The National Medical Association \(NMA\)](#) is the collective voice of African American physicians and the leading force for parity and justice in medicine and the elimination of disparities in health. *“The National Medical Association believes that the 340B program needs increased oversight and transparency to make sure minority patients are getting access to the prescription drugs they need at an affordable price. NMA joins the AIR340B coalition to advocate on behalf of these often overlooked voices to ensure that this valuable program continues to serve its original purpose.”*

[National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians’ \(NCAPIP\)](#) mission is to improve the health of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander patients and communities by addressing health inequities present in that population. *“The 340b program helps support many clinics and hospitals that are providing vulnerable, low-income patients critical health services. We joined this coalition because we believe in the intent of the program and the work that is being done by these providers, but are concerned that there is a lack of transparency for many of the larger 340B providers, that increasingly massive amounts of drug savings are not ultimately being passed down to patients, and that unchecked growth of the program will contribute to the rising cost of drugs.”*

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The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR 340B) is a coalition of patient advocacy groups, clinical care providers, and biopharmaceutical innovators and distributors dedicated to reforming and strengthening the 340B program to ensure it directly supports access to outpatient prescription medicines for uninsured indigent patients. www.340Breform.org