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New Poll: 86% of Voters Agree 340B Needs to Work Better for Patients
Majority of Voters Recognize Hospitals and Pharmacies Should Not Profit Off Programs Meant to Serve Vulnerable Patients

WASHINGTON – Today, the Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) released a [new poll](#) conducted by Morning Consult that found **a majority of those surveyed agreed the 340B Drug Pricing Program needs fixes to better serve the most vulnerable patients.**

“The findings from this new poll are a stark reminder of the work we must do to save the 340B program – most importantly, to support the vulnerable and low-income communities that rely on it to help them access their medications. Through greater transparency, accountability, and oversight of the program, we can get 340B back on track so it fully benefits patients,” said former Illinois Congressman and AIR340B Spokesman Bob Dold.

This poll confirms there is overwhelming public support to reform the 340B program so it benefits our neediest patients. The majority of voters recognize that 340B can, and should, serve as a vital safety net for vulnerable or uninsured patients – and that hospitals and pharmacies should not be profiting off of programs meant to serve these patients. Instead, lax oversight and scarce transparency requirements for disproportionate share hospitals (DSH) and [contract pharmacies](#) have contributed to the exponential growth of the program, derailing it from its original intent.

Additional poll highlights include:

- 4 in 5 voters (80%) say they support the 340B Drug Pricing Program, and a strong majority agrees (86%) that the program needs to be updated so it works better for patients.
- The majority of voters surveyed (79%) agree that hospitals should not be making money off of safety-net programs like 340B.
- The majority of voters surveyed (79%) also agree that it is not fair retail pharmacy chains can make money off of discounts intended to help low-income, uninsured, and vulnerable patients.

- The majority of voters surveyed (70%) worry that 340B is not working to benefit needy patients.

The message is clear: The program is in dire need of holistic reform, including increased transparency and accountability requirements and oversight for DSH hospitals to ensure patients are put first.

Patients aren't benefiting from exponential growth in the program. In fact, there is evidence that low-income patients' ability to afford their medications is negatively correlated with the growth of the 340B program – a troubling finding considering both the exponential growth over the last decade and the program's original intent to support vulnerable patients through discounts to covered entities.

More than half of 340B hospitals provide less charity care than the national charity care average of 2.7%. Many continue to make headlines for behavior antithetical to the intent of the 340B program, like refusing care for uninsured patients during the pandemic. At the same time, DSH hospitals face zero accountability or transparency requirements in 340B – they do not have to show how they utilize 340B to support needy patients.

Congress cannot wait any longer to save the program. Patients need 340B to work for them now.

[Click here](#) to access findings from the poll.

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The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) is a coalition of patient advocacy groups, clinical care providers, and biopharmaceutical innovators 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