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## **Kentucky Bill Would Allow Unrestricted 340B Growth With No Guaranteed Savings for Patients**

**Frankfort, KY** – The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) issued the following statement regarding Kentucky Senate Bill 27 (SB 27), a bill that would aid in the unchecked growth of for-profit contract pharmacies in the 340B program:

“SB 27 would accelerate the growth of 340B contract pharmacies, allowing large chain pharmacies and PBMs to siphon 340B dollars that should be serving low-income, disadvantaged Kentucky patients as originally intended.

“Historically, large pharmacy chains like [Walgreens, Walmart, and CVS](#), large hospitals, and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) have abused the 340B program to reap enormous profits from this federal safety net program meant to pass along savings to patients. In 2023 alone, contract pharmacies captured [\\$10 billion](#) in 340B funds that should have lowered patient costs and increased charity care in underserved areas. A staggering [91%](#) of Kentucky’s 340B hospitals provide charity care at levels below the national average and only half of all contract pharmacies in the state are actually located in medically underserved areas.

“The number of 340B contract pharmacies has exploded by [2,400%](#) since 2010, with limited federal oversight to ensure transparency and accountability for bad actors abusing the program. SB 27 will only continue to allow PBMs and large, out-of-state chain pharmacies to financially benefit without implementing safeguards to make sure patients come first.

“Visit [www.340Breform.org](http://www.340Breform.org) to learn more about how the 340B program should serve patients, not pharmacies.”

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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](http://www.340Breform.org).