

# 340B Pharmacy Program

## What is the 340B Pharmacy Program?

340B is a federal program offered through the St. Croix Valley Pharmacies and St. Croix Health that assists patients who qualify by meeting specific conditions. Being involved in this program and adhering to the conditions offers participating patients a discounted rate on *some* prescription medications.

### Conditions That Must Be Met

- Patient must see their St. Croix Health provider as often as recommended by their provider for the condition the specific medication is prescribed for but no less than once per year.
- Patient needs to be seen by additional care team members as recommended by their provider. These may include, but are not limited to, a diabetes educator, clinical pharmacist, dentist, and/or optometrist.
- Labs need to be checked as often as recommended by the patient's provider.
- Patient should be actively working toward achieving personal health care goals defined in their care plan.
- Prescribed medications must be used only by the patient for whom they are prescribed.
- State-funded prescription insurance, such as Medicaid or Medical Assistance, are not eligible for this program.



### Additional Information To Understand

- There is a limited list of prescription medications that can be filled using this program and it is subject to change without notice. This program does not include supplies or all prescription medications.
- Pricing for this program is based on a discounted rate as determined by the federal government and drug manufacturers. The prices may change quarterly. The St. Croix Valley Pharmacy team will work to find the lowest-priced option if a specific product is unaffordable. This program may be terminated by St. Croix Health with a 60-day notice.
- Medications in this program are special order *upon patient request ONLY*. It may take up to three (3) business days before medications in this program are available. The patient will need to request each medication in this program from a participating St. Croix Valley Pharmacy (Frederic, St. Croix Falls, or Unity) at least three (3) business days before medication is needed.

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### Information for Medicare Patients

- St. Croix Health will not submit a claim to Medicare for payment of the discounted prescribed medication.
- St. Croix Health will provide information to the patient about the discounted price of the medication.
- If the patient chooses to submit a claim to Medicare themselves, only the amount paid for the prescribed medication should be submitted. The patient will need to provide any additional information requested by Medicare.

### How a Provider Can Enroll a Patient in 340B Pharmacy Program

**STEP 1:** Provider, or care team member, sends a prescription to a St. Croix Valley Pharmacy and **CALLS** the pharmacy to enroll the patient in the program.

Frederic Pharmacy	Ext. 8350
St. Croix Falls Pharmacy	Ext. 1757
Unity Pharmacy	Ext. 8140

**STEP 2:** Educate the patient that it is their responsibility to contact the pharmacy and ask for the medication to be ordered. Medications in the 340B program are **NOT** in stock and will **NOT** be available for same-day pickup. In fact, these medications will take up to three (3) business days to arrive.

**STEP 3:** Refer the patient to Diabetes Education. This referral will prompt scheduling to call the patient and make an appointment as soon as possible.

### Important Reminders

- The pharmacy must be notified that the patient is to be enrolled in the 340B Pharmacy Program. A note on the prescription **IS NOT** sufficient.
- It may take at least two (2) business days for the patient's enrollment in the program to be complete.
- The patient **MUST** contact the pharmacy to order the medication(s). The medication(s) are **NOT** ordered upon receipt of a prescription.
- If a prescribed medication (i.e. Victoza®) requires a prior authorization, the pharmacy will attempt to have the prior authorization completed before using the 340B Pharmacy Program. This can take up to two (2) weeks to complete.
- Medications **ARE NOT IN STOCK** at the pharmacies and will not be available for same-day pickup. Patients must request refills at least three (3) business days prior to picking it up.
- If the prescription is out of refills, the process to fulfill the request can take up to seven (7) business days.