

# 340B IN ACTION



## HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital

*Oconto Falls, Wisconsin*

The 340B prescription drug program is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers, supporting critical health services in our communities. The program is narrowly tailored to reach only hospitals that provide a high level of services to low-income individuals or that serve isolated rural communities. Savings from the 340B program help hospitals meet the healthcare needs of underserved patients across the country. Congress should preserve and protect the 340B program as an essential part of the safety-net that does not rely on taxpayer dollars.

### 340B by the Numbers:

**\$567,315**

Approximate 340B savings last year

**\$384K**

Financial assistance (aka charity care) at cost in FY2018

**\$4.8M**

Amount spend on drugs annually

**\$2.4M**

Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other public programs in FY2018

**21,628**

Prescriptions filled in our rural health clinics last year

**\$159K**

Community benefit health improvement services for the poor in FY2018

### The 340B Impact in Our Community:

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital is a critical access hospital licensed for 25 inpatient beds. In addition, the hospital operates five rural health clinics in rural northeast Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula (Gillett, Lena, Mountain, Oconto Falls and Suring). St. Clare Memorial provides care for individuals regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

In FY2018, St. Clare Memorial realized a \$567,315 savings through the 340B prescription drug program, which was primarily used to provide remote dispensing sites to increase access to prescriptions in areas served by our rural health clinics.

St. Clare Memorial is committed to providing medically necessary care by offering financial assistance for co-pays, deductibles, or medical services for low-income individuals who qualify, which totaled \$384K in FY2018. The hospital provided community benefit health improvement services for the poor totaling \$159K in FY2018. Services included: five subsidized rural health clinics with medical teams who are dedicated to serving the local community so residents don't have to leave home for high quality care, the Oconto Falls Area Trail System and the Donate a Healthy Plate toolkit.

In response to its recent Community Health Needs Assessment Survey, the hospital took the lead on two initiatives, the Oconto Falls Area Trail System and Donate a Healthy Plate toolkit, to increase physical activity and promote healthy food choices in the county. The trail system provides free, safe trails accessible to all. The Healthy Plate toolkit educates the community about making healthy food pantry donations and assists organizations to conduct healthy food drives to best serve poor and vulnerable persons in the community.

