

Pharmacy Services Support Center

Your 340B Resource at APhA

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The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Pharmacy Services Support Center (PSSC) is a program that operates through the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) to help federally funded clinics and other health care safety net providers develop clinically and cost effective pharmacy services. Central to this endeavor is optimal use of the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which is run by the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) in the HRSA Healthcare Systems Bureau. With government support, PSSC provides information, education, and technical assistance to increase patient access to affordable drugs and pharmacy services.

A Major Pharmacy Resource— the PSSC Call Center

The PSSC Call Center allows anyone interested in 340B Drug Pricing to inquire about the program. Staff, trained in the various issues relating to the 340B Program, is on hand to answer questions or direct your calls to the appropriate people. The PSSC Call Center is active Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be reached at **800-628-6297** or by Email PSSC@aphanet.org.

The Ultimate 340B Pharmacy Resource—Free Technical Assistance

PSSC manages the PSSC PharmTA program, which provides eligible entities free access to 340B pharmacy experts. Depending on your situation, PSSC PharmTA will put you in touch with a consultant for discussion of your pharmacy issues or even a visit to your site.

The Best Chance for Even More Savings: the 340B Prime Vendor Program

On September 10, 2004, HRSA formalized a 5 year exclusive agreement with the new 340B Prime Vendor, a division of HealthCare Purchasing Partners International

(HPPI). The 340B Prime Vendor is an expert at negotiating below ceiling 340B drug prices and valuable services for participating entities, while allowing them to maintain their current drug

distributor arrangement in virtually all cases. To learn more about the value of 340B Prime Vendor participation, visit www.340bpvp.com or call **888-340-2787**.

For More Information

The HRSA PSSC web site, <http://pssc.aphanet.org>, lists several additional resources, including “The Bridge to 340B Comprehensive Pharmacy Services Solutions in Underserved Populations” (http://pssc.aphanet.org/documents/bridge-340B_001.pdf). This 340B informational manual contains needs assessment tools and financial model spreadsheets. If you have any questions about the 340B Drug Pricing Program, call PSSC at 800-628-6297 or 202-429-7518, or Email pssc@aphanet.org. Our mailing address is: HRSA PSSC, American Pharmacists Association, 1100 15th Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005-1707.

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