

# 340B IN ACTION

## Terrebonne General Medical Center

Houma, Louisiana



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:

**\$24,500,641**

Uncompensated care provided FYE19

**72.5%**

Of our patients are either on Medicare, Medicaid, or lack health insurance

**\$8,710,000**

Approximate FYE19 340B savings

**151,410**

Total FYE19 patient encounters

**15.7%**

Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) percentage

**321**

Inpatient hospital beds

## The 340B Impact in Our Community:

Terrebonne General Medical Center (TGMC) is the largest community-based hospital in Southeast Louisiana. Our medical center is dedicated to providing exceptional, high quality, and compassionate care to our community. We provide comprehensive medical services to all patients including a full spectrum of inpatient, surgical, and outpatient services. The 340B program has allowed our facility to stretch scarce healthcare dollars and deliver necessary care to our patients including low-income, uninsured, and under-insured patients.

We Use 340B Savings to Support:

\*Our Womens Health Center and Level III NICU, allowing us to care for premature babies in our region born earlier than 32 weeks. Without this service, families would have to travel approximately 50 miles to the next closest NICU.

\*Outpatient Cancer Center infusion center and non-oncology infusion services.

\*Innovative Cardiology services and expansion of these services with a Hybrid Operating Room.

\*Our 24/7 Level 3 emergency room and trauma services which treats 50,000 patients annually.

\*Uncompensated care provided to improve the health of our community.

\*Keeping care local and increasing healthcare access for patients in our region.

Scaling back the 340B program would require TGMC to reevaluate the services described as well as others to determine viability of continuing to provide those services imperative to our community.