

CHI St. Alexius Health Williston , Williston, ND:

CHI St. Alexius Health Williston is a 25-bed critical access hospital located in rural northwestern North Dakota. Our mission is to serve all patients regardless of the ability to pay or social status and seek to provide services that are close to where our patient's live and fill regional gaps in care. Our hospital provides healthcare for a radius of 150 miles. We serve patients in our hospital, primary clinic, specialty clinic, resident clinic and oncology/infusion center. Our closest other primary hospitals are 50 miles distant, closest tertiary hospitals are 150 miles distant. The closest other oncology centers are 150 to 300 miles distant.

THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B PROGRAM:

- For Fiscal year 2018 provided \$1.52 million in uncompensated care to needy patients and families in our 150-mile service area.
- Primary area where we use 340B savings is to fund cancer treatment for indigent, uninsured, and underinsured patients
- Uninsured or underinsured patients who require outpatient infusion services receive critical medications regardless of their ability to pay.
- 340B program allows us to place our pharmacists in our primary care clinic to provide anticoagulation monitoring for 50 to 60 patients each month. Regardless of ability to pay.
- Provide free health and wellness services to the community

To-date estimates of expense reductions: \$1,226,046 (estimated through 6/10/2019)

To-date estimate of revenue enhancement: \$1,354,864 (through 3/31/2019)

IMPACT IF THE PROGRAM WAS SCALED BACK:

340B savings help us maintain services in our community that would otherwise be unavailable, examples are primary care, immunizations, outpatient infusions, oncology, neurology, orthopedics, obstetrics, and urology. Patients would have to travel 50 to 300 miles to access services. Our emergency room averages 50 patients per day and in the past year 810 babies have been born in our OB department. Without the hospital our ER patients would have to travel up to 50 miles for care and OB patients would have to travel up to 150 miles for prenatal and post-partum care.

A record 46 percent of rural hospitals lost money last year. More than 400 are classified by health officials as being "high risk of imminent failure. CHI St Alexius Health Williston depends on the 340B program to keep our doors open