

The BPHC Newly Funded TA Web Guide Resources for New and Existing Grantees

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The BPHC Newly Funded TA Web Guide is a self assessment tool designed to help new BPHC grantees provide high-quality primary health care from the day they open their doors for business. The Guide is a central hub for links to HRSA-approved templates, information pages, and policy documents, and many other resources. The intent of the Web Guide is to help Health Center grantees improve their quality and efficiency, work within Health Center Program Requirements, and access Federal policies, programs and resources intended for the specific needs of Health Centers.

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<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/technicalassistance/index.html>

1c. 340B Drug Pricing

What is the 340B Drug Pricing Program?

The 340B Drug Pricing Program is administered by HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA). The 340B Program limits the cost of covered outpatient drugs to certain Federal grantees, including section 330-funded health centers. Participation in the Program results in significant savings estimated to be 20% to 50% on the cost of pharmaceuticals for safety-net providers. The purpose of the 340B Program is to enable these entities to stretch scarce Federal resources, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services. The [340B Drug Pricing Program](#) resulted from enactment of Public Law 102-585, the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, which is codified as Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act.

How to Enroll

To enroll in the 340B program, health centers must submit the appropriate registration form to the HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs. Registration forms are located on the [340B database](#).

340B Prime Vendor Program

In addition to the cost savings available through the 340B Program, the 340B Prime Vendor Program (PVP) provides additional savings to 340B participants registered with the Prime Vendor. The Prime Vendor Program (PVP) provides drug distribution and price negotiation services for covered entities, and has been able to negotiate additional discounts below the 340B price for more than 2,800 brand name and generic drugs. The PVP is free to all 340B covered entities, but the covered entity must enroll in the PVP. For more information, call 1-888-340-2787 or visit the [PVP website](#). Please note that the NoA contains the following term regarding grantee responsibility on this topic: "If your organization purchases or reimburses for outpatient drugs, an assessment must be made to determine whether the organization drug acquisition practices meet Federal requirements regarding cost-effectiveness and reasonableness (See 42 CFR Part 50, Subpart E, and OMB Circulars [A-122](#) and [A-87](#) regarding cost principles). If your organization is eligible to be a covered entity under Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act and the assessment shows that participating in the 340B Drug Pricing Program and its Prime Vendor Program is the most economical and reasonable manner of purchasing or reimbursing for covered outpatient drugs (as defined in section 340B), failure to participate may result in a negative audit finding, cost disallowance or grant funding offset."

Links and Additional Resources

HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs [340B Program Website](#).

Questions?

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340B Prime Vendor Program, 340B University: <https://www.340bpvp.com/resource-center/340b-university.html>*.

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