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- PA forms, criteria and related information available at <a href="https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-prior-authorization/">https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-prior-authorization/</a>.
- Original requests must be submitted electronically via portal or by fax; some updates to existing PAs allowed by phone.
- PA requests may only be submitted by Mississippi Medicaid enrolled prescribers (or a member of their staff).
- PA requests submitted by agents of pharmaceutical manufacturers will be denied.

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- Pharmacy PA Call Center Toll-Free Phone Number
   833-660-2402
- Preferred Drug List (PDL) and related information available at <a href="https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/preferred-drug-list/">https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/preferred-drug-list/</a>.
- 72-hour emergency supply of prescribed medications is available when medication is needed without delay and prior authorization is not available.
  - Applies to all drugs requiring PA (either because of non-preferred PDL status and/or other clinical edits)
  - These fills DO count towards monthly service limits.

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Other useful information related to DOM Pharmacy available at <a href="https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-resources/">https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-resources/</a>.

# Drug Rebate 340 B Attestation

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## 340B Program Background

- Who: Labelers agree to sell their drugs at a discounted 'ceiling price' to CEs who
  either dispense these drugs directly and/or use a contract pharmacy to dispense the
  drugs to patients
- What: Drugs are purchased at 340B discounted prices from labelers. We cannot rebate on these claims or that would be a duplicate discount!
- Where: CEs dispense 340B purchased drugs at their pharmacies, clinics, and/or contract pharmacies
- Why: The program was established by 1992 Veteran Act, specifically Section 340B
  of the Public Health Service Act to help CEs save money on drug costs and use
  savings to better serve needy patients
- **How**: CEs purchase drugs through wholesalers for these discounted drugs at the Ceiling Price, thereby creating a margin for the Covered Entities.
- When: 1992 is when the 340B program was enacted.

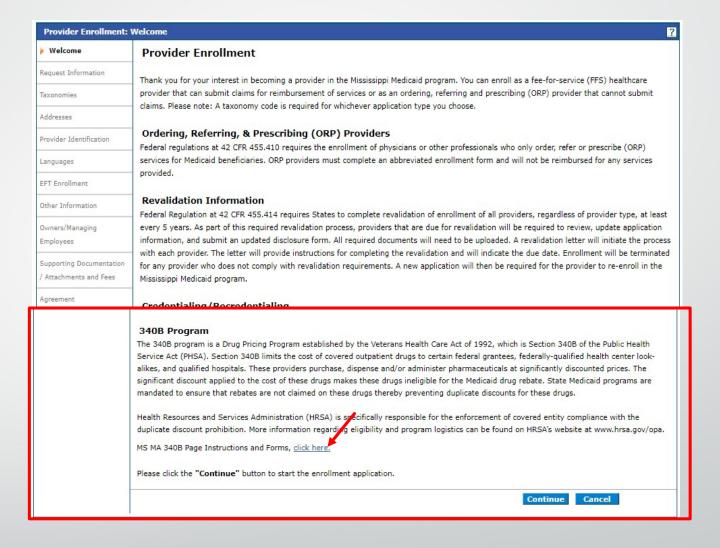
#### MS 340B Attestation – Facts

- Section 340B(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act specifies which covered entities are eligible to participate in the 340B Drug Program. These include qualifying hospitals, Federal grantees from HRSA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Population Affairs, and the Indian Health Service.
- To become a 340B Provider in Mississippi, providers must complete 2 steps:
  - Obtain a HRSA ID and "Covered Entity Information" sheet and,
  - Complete and Submit an Attestation Form to MESA.
- Provider Registration occurs each quarter (first 15 days of each quarter) dependent upon the provider type, e.g., registration for certain provider types is January 1-15<sup>th</sup> with an effective start date of April 1. The provider may then bill claims with the state assuming that their DOM attestation form has been received and processed prior to April 1.

Click the link for 340B Program Information website is displayed on the MESA web portal "Home" page.



- 340 B Information can also be accessed from the Provider Enrollment "Welcome" page n the portal.
- Click "Provider Enrollment Access" on the home page, then click "Enrollment Application." Then, scroll to the bottom of the page.



 After clicking the link, you will be redirected you to the 340 B
 Program Information on the DOM website.



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The 340B program is a Drug Pricing Program established by the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, which is Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA). Section 340B limits the cost of covered outpatient drugs to certain federal grantees, federally-qualified health center look-alikes, and qualified hospitals. These providers purchase, dispense and/or administer pharmaceuticals at significantly discounted prices. The significant discount applied to the cost of these drugs makes these drugs ineligible for the Medicaid drug rebate. State Medicaid programs are mandated to ensure that rebates are not claimed on these drugs thereby preventing duplicate discounts for these drugs.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is specifically responsible for the enforcement of covered entity compliance with the duplicate discount prohibition. More information regarding eligibility and program logistics can be found on HRSA's website at www.hrsa.gov/opa.

#### Resources

- 340B Frequently Asked Questions
- Provider Enrollment 340B Attestation Packet

 On the DOM website you find a link to 340B FAQS and the Provider Enrollment 340B Attestation Packet



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#### 340B Attestation Process

- Select the link for "340B Program Information" on the "Welcome" or Home page on the portal when submitting your enrollment application.
- Follow the instructions on the form, download and submit to Gainwell technologies.
- Providers may Email, Fax or Mail the Attestation Form to Gainwell MESA.
- \*New providers can follow this process while submitting their enrollment application on the web portal.

## **AVRS & Call Center**

- Call center hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
- The current Conduent call center will be transferred to Gainwell prior to go-live and will be active the day of go-live. 1-800-884-3222
- You can check eligibility, provider enrollment status, payment information or be directed to live call agent.
- Things you may need when calling: Provider ID, Beneficiary ID, Beneficiary DOB, Beneficiary Gender, Beneficiary SSN, ATN, Tax ID, Dates of Service, Claim Number, Prior Authorization Number
- After hours or on holiday, you will be able to leave a voicemail. An agent will return you call in 24-48 business hours.
- Spanish option and TTY are available.