

# Value of the 340B Program

## Saint Francis Healthcare

Saint Francis Healthcare, a member of Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic, is a 395-licensed bed acute and trauma III emergency care teaching hospital primarily serving New Castle County, Delaware. Serving the community for over ninety (90) years, our mission statement brings to life our commitment to the community: **“We, Saint Francis Healthcare, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.”** We are striving to build a People-Centered Healthcare ministry to put the people we serve at the center of every behavior, action and decision. In achieving our mission, Saint Francis Healthcare invests in the community by improving health by delivering compassionate care and providing a range of community educational programs focusing on disease prevention, management of chronic disease and outreach for the elderly, uninsured and those who are poor. Saint Francis provides innovative programs including the LIFE Center, a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (known nationally as PACE) for those who are considered “nursing home eligible,” and the Delaware Care Collaboration, an Accountable Care Organization. It continues to serve the community as a trusted healthcare partner with a vision to become Delaware’s preferred healthcare provider.

According to the 2016 Census Bureau, the median household income in the City of Wilmington is below the median annual income in the State of Delaware and New Castle County. The Community Need Index (CNI) for the State of Delaware is 3.0. Of note, in the ZIP codes in the heart of our community the CNI ranges from 4.0 to 4.8. The CNI quantifies the existence and extent of five (5) key socio-economic barriers to care: income, culture/language, education, insurance status, and housing in every zip code of the country. A score of four (4) or higher on the CNI scale demonstrates the greatest barrier to good health care.

### THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B PROGRAM

The 340B prescription drug program is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers, supporting critical health services in our communities. This 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. Significantly, more 340B hospitals provide money-losing vital health services than non-340B hospitals, such as trauma centers, labor and delivery services, HIV-AIDS services, and immunizations.

In the heart of Wilmington, with physician offices in an adjacent medical building and throughout New Castle County, Saint Francis is an anchor in the community and embraces its call to serve the community especially those persons who are poor. Outreach to the community has been key to this ministry since the Sisters of Saint Francis first came to the neighborhood in 1922. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 Saint Francis provided over \$4.6 million in community programs serving 12,581 individuals. These programs included three (3) medical initiatives of note. The **Saint Clare Van** is a mobile medical unit providing primary care to all those who need it in the community, especially those who are homeless and uninsured. The **Center of Hope** services are provided to the Hispanic community, especially those who may be undocumented. Finally, the **Tiny Steps** program ensures that pregnant women, mothers and their children through the first year of life have comprehensive, quality healthcare, regardless of ability to pay.

### IMPACT IF THE 340B PROGRAM WAS SCALED BACK

As a Safety Net Hospital, Saint Francis Healthcare collaborates with various community organizations to improve the health of the community. The 340B savings enables Saint Francis Healthcare to provide a “transition-in-care pharmacy” program that assures prescribed medications are provided upon discharge. The Saint Clare Van, Center of Hope and Tiny Steps, along with the numerous preventive educational and screening programs provided, fill a vital community need that are made possible in part through the 340B program.