Medication Management

At Allen Hospital, 340B savings have enabled the development of hospital-based Medication Management Clinics. Through a patient-centered approach, pharmacists work hand in hand with patients’ primary care physicians to help manage specific diseases. When the nation is facing health care workforce shortages, this model enables both primary care providers and pharmacists to practice top of licensure.

Patients with chronic conditions are also able to be seen more frequently – often doses are adjusted every two weeks until health goals are met. On average, diabetic patients enrolled in this program are meeting their A1C goals by their 8th visit, which lowers the risk of adverse health events. Overall, these clinics are achieving results and improving quality of life – quality of care is improved, time to achieve care goals is reduced, and patient satisfaction is heightened. Through the 340B program, low-income and uninsured clinic patients receive access to affordable medications, key to proactively managing their health goals.

The clinic launched with a focus on diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and quickly expanded into behavioral health. One behavioral health patient had finally found a medication which controlled their condition, but insurance would not approve it. We were able to save the patient over $1,200/month to give them access to the medication.