



# 340B<sup>IN</sup> ACTION

UnityPoint Health – Anamosa

Jones Regional Medical Center | Anamosa, Iowa

## Subsidizing Services to Sustain Rural Healthcare

Jones Regional Medical Center is a **Critical Access Hospital**. Jones Regional Medical Center is the only hospital located in Jones County and, as such, serves as an access hub to healthcare services for rural residents. 340B savings are vital to provide critical services, to maintain safety and quality within a lower-volume rural operation, and to support heightened patient outcomes and quality of life.

**340B savings are used in part to maintain these services:**

- **Rhythm of Life.** This nurse-supervised exercise program is run through the cardiopulmonary rehab department and services between 80 to 100 individuals every Tuesday and Thursday for approximately 1 hour. Several participants have been attending Rhythm for Life for over 10 years. Aside from the physical benefits, this regular touch base enables participants to be monitored by healthcare professionals and to establish a trusting relationship for preventive and proactive services ranging from therapy and lab to urgent and inpatient care.
- **Emergency Department Consistent Care Program.** For patients with at least 12 Emergency Department (ED) visits within 12 months, this program offers heightened care coordination services. A social worker connects patients with primary care services, transportation options, and available community resources to curtail unnecessary ED use. Currently, **84 individuals are enrolled in this program.**
- **Rural Ambulance.** The Anamosa Area Ambulance Service provides paramedic care in approximately 250 square miles in and around Anamosa. **This service is 1 of 2 paid emergency medical services in Jones County.** We routinely handle 911 dispatched emergency calls and non-emergent transfers and, when not on call, help in the ED.

## 340B By The Numbers

**\$2.0**  
million Annual 340B Savings

**6,000+** Annual Emergency Room Visits

**250**  
miles Ambulance Service Area

**31%** 340B % of Total Spend

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Jones Regional uses **Contract Pharmacies in rural communities** to enable patient access to affordable medications and support many patient programs. **Manufacturer restrictions on contract pharmacies threatens more than \$1 million from communities like Anamosa, Monticello, Belle Plaine, and Vinton.** Savings that would have supported patient programs, such as diabetes education and Parkinson's support groups, are instead retained by drug manufacturers.