

340B IN ACTION

UnityPoint Health – Cedar Rapids

St. Luke's Hospital | Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Subsidizing Services Targeting Vulnerable Populations

St. Luke's Hospital has served Cedar Rapids and East Central Iowa for more than **140 years**. This includes offering services to at-risk populations that operate at a financial loss but are needed by our community.

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

- St. Luke's Dental Health Center.** Since 1976, this clinic has provided **safety-net dental health services primarily to children through age 18 from low-income families and for people with developmental disabilities.** These individuals are typically uninsured or covered by Medicaid with limited community options for operative services and even basic preventative dental care.
- Transport for Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).** St. Luke's Hospital is the only Level III Maternal and Neonatal Center in the Cedar Rapids area. **As a regional service in Eastern Iowa, ambulance transport of our neonates between hospitals is vital to ensure appropriate care and family support.** This transport entails specialized equipment and personnel and is necessary either when newborns require a higher level of care after delivery or after newborns receive higher level NICU care, are stabilized, and can return to a hospital local to their family to complete their hospitalization.
- Inpatient Hospice Unit.** As one of few remaining in Iowa, **St. Luke's Hospital hospice unit cared for over 300 patients and families in 2023** during the final days and weeks of their life. This hospital unit provides quality of life through a high-level of care and attention from nurses and physicians for patients requiring more intensive services.
- Inpatient Behavioral Health Services.** St. Luke's Hospital maintains the largest inpatient behavioral health services in Iowa. **Annually, 2,000+ patients are treated for severe mental health issues across three units, including adult, geriatric, and adolescent.** This persists as an essential community need as behavioral health issues continue to rise.

340B By The Numbers

\$7.9 million Annual 340B Savings

6,000+ Annual Dental Health Visits

2,200+ Annual Births

\$41.2 million Safety Net Community Benefit

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St. Luke's uses **Contract Pharmacies** to enable patient access to affordable medications and support many patient programs. **Manufacturer restrictions on contract pharmacies threatens roughly \$300,000 from Linn County residents.** Savings that would have supported patient programs are instead retained by drug manufacturers.