

340B^{IN} ACTION

UnityPoint Health – Des Moines

Iowa Methodist Medical Center | Des Moines, Iowa

Sustaining Healthcare Access for Vulnerable Populations

Iowa Methodist Medical Center along with Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Methodist West Hospital, and Blank Children’s Hospital combine to serve patients throughout the Des Moines metropolitan area and surrounding communities. To meet community needs, 340B savings fill gaps to offer outreach services, team-based care, and supplement Medicaid coverage.

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

- **Blank STAR Center.** As a regional Child Protection Center, the STAR Center provides team-based services and support to children to increase their resiliency and improve their health and well-being and houses three specialized clinics designed for children and their caregivers.
- **Preventive Screenings.** Free or reduced-cost health screening opportunities are provided across our locations and service lines to our community. These include cancer screenings for breast, colon, and skin cancers; blood screenings; mental health screenings; community resource assessments; and many others.
- **Oncology Navigation Team.** The John Stoddard Cancer Center at Iowa Methodist Medical Center houses a navigation team to assist with transportation and/or lodging arrangements for patients to ensure timely access to appointments and treatments.
- **Behavioral Health Urgent Care.** This urgent care clinic is located adjacent to Iowa Lutheran Hospital, serves both pediatric and adult patients, and has an inhouse presence from community agencies and primary care providers. **5,500+ patients avoided ED visits, and 95% of patients avoided inpatient admissions.** The urgent care clinic also provides vital follow-up services for medication management.
- **Blank Developmental Center.** For infants and children with developmental, learning, or behavioral problems, **our developmental pediatrics team offers evaluations, diagnostic services, and care for children** – many of which will require services for a lifetime.

340B By The Numbers

\$23.3
million Annual 340B Savings

5,500+
BH Urgent Care Patients

119K+
Annual Emergency Room Visits

\$121
million Safety Net Community Benefit

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UnityPoint Health – Des Moines uses **Contract Pharmacies** to enable patient access to affordable medications and support many patient programs. **Manufacturer restrictions on contract pharmacies threatens more than \$4.8 million from central Iowa residents.** Savings that would have supported patient programs are instead retained by drug manufacturers.