



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

UnityPoint Health – Madison

Meriter | Madison, Wisconsin

## 340B By The Numbers

**\$47.2** million Annual 340B Savings

**4,800+** Annual Births

**38%** 340B % of Total Spend

**\$44** million Safety Net Community Benefit

## Subsidizing Access to Identified Community Needs

Meriter serves Dane County and the surrounding areas with primary and specialty care, including the state's busiest birthing center. 340B savings are targeted to bolster a variety of community needs.

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

- **Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP).** Meriter offers the **only not-for-profit inpatient child and adolescent psychiatry program in south central Wisconsin.** CAP serves young people ages 6–18 with behavioral health challenges. A recent facility expansion enables inpatient services for up to 30 youth as well as 2 levels of intermediate care: a 6-hour partial hospitalization program and a 4-hour intensive outpatient program. **Inpatient volumes were 860+ in 2022.** Caregiver support is also offered.
- **Pathways Program.** These workforce training tracks target high-demand healthcare roles. Program graduates will earn a family supporting wage and be positioned for careers with long-term growth potential in nursing, medical technology, or other allied health fields. **Pathways Programs graduated 42 students in 2023** and included training as Certified Nursing Assistants, Phlebotomists, Medical Assistants, and Surgical Technicians. Programs are open to community members as well as Meriter employees.
- **Forensic Nurse Examiners Program.** Meriter performs these services at all Madison hospitals. Formerly known as the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) program, this program helps victims of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, elder abuse, and domestic violence begin the healing process. **More than 10,000 victims of all ages, genders, races, and populations have received these services since 1988.**
- **Donor Milk Dispensary.** Due to an identified need, Meriter's pharmacy recently started this program and, **within its first 8 months, almost 1600 bottles have been dispensed.** This involved becoming certified and working with a supply depot. As an early adopter, our pharmacy team has educated other sites throughout Wisconsin.

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Meriter uses **Contract Pharmacies** to enable patient access to affordable medications and support many patient programs. **Manufacturer restrictions on contract pharmacies threatens more than \$4 million from Dane County.** Savings that would have supported patient programs are instead retained by drug manufacturers.