

Advocacy Tools



Phone Script

Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent from [City/Town]. I work with [Organization], which partners closely with community health centers like HealthNet.

I'm calling to urge [Representative/Senator Name] to oppose Indiana's proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment that would redirect 340B savings away from community health centers. This action is moving forward without public comment, stakeholder input, or formal analysis of its impact.

Why 340B and Health Centers Matter:

Community Health Centers provide comprehensive primary and preventive care to over 731,000 Hoosiers annually. Eighty-five percent of these patients are low-income, over 50% are covered by Medicaid. Nearly half are children. In some areas, up to 1 in 3 residents rely on a community health center for care.

As signed into law by Congress, the 340B Drug Pricing Program has existed for over 30 years to help health centers purchase medications at discounted rates from drug manufacturers. These savings are not taxpayer dollars — they are reinvested directly into patient care, helping centers stretch limited resources to provide affordable medications, preventive services, care coordination, social work, and more.

Timing is Critical:

Recent Medicaid changes are increasing the number of uninsured patients that health centers must serve. While caring for everyone is central to their mission, centers receive no extra reimbursement for uninsured patients. Operating on razor-thin margins, 340B savings are essential to bridge funding gaps to cover the true cost of care.

Without 340B savings, Indiana health centers will be forced to reduce services and/or close locations. That doesn't save the state money — it shifts care into emergency rooms and hospitals, which is far more expensive and drives up Medicaid costs.

Optional Patient Story (30–45 seconds):

[Name or description] relies on the community health center in our community. Thanks to 340B, they can access [describe services] and timely care close to home. If savings are redirected, our center may have to reduce hours or eliminate services, forcing patients like this one to use the emergency room for routine care — an outcome far more costly to the state and families alike.

I'm asking you to help protect community health centers by encouraging the State Budget Committee and administration to reconsider or withdraw this SPA. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Email Template

Subject: Please Protect Community Health Centers and 340B Savings

Dear [Representative/Senator Name],

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Patient Story (Optional)

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Sincerely,

[Your Name, Title and Organization]