



Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access

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Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access Statement on 340B Orphan Drug Exclusion Proposed Regulation

Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access (SNHPA) is pleased to see that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has proposed a reasonable interpretation of the 340B orphan drug exclusion which, consistent with common sense, would only exclude orphan drugs from the program when used for a rare disease or condition. Nevertheless, we continue to believe the underlying provision in the law is fundamentally flawed. It discourages rural and free-standing cancer hospitals from enrolling in or fully benefitting from 340B while doing little to advance the objectives of the orphan drug program.

SNHPA also believes that narrowing the kinds of drugs eligible for discounts will harm vulnerable patient populations and increase costs to taxpayers. SNHPA will continue to work to urge Congress to completely remove the ban.

Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access (SNHPA) is an association of more than 700 hospitals with a mission to increase the affordability and accessibility of pharmaceutical care for the nation's poor and underserved populations. For more information about SNHPA and the 340B program, visit www.snhpa.org.