



Stormont Vail Health

340B Value and Savings

ABOUT US

Stormont Vail Health is a nonprofit integrated health system that has been serving the health care needs of Kansas for more than 130 years. It is composed of Stormont Vail Hospital, a 586-bed acute care hospital, and Cotton O'Neil Clinic, a multi-specialty physician group with more than 500 providers.

Stormont Vail Health is committed to its mission of improving the health of the community by being a national leader in providing compassionate, high-quality and efficient integrated care through collaboration that results in a healthier community.

Stormont Vail first began utilizing the 340B program in 2012. From 2012 through 2017, the average savings that was passed on to patients was \$2.5 million per year. In 2018, this savings rose to \$4.8 million.

THE SAVINGS

Having recently completed a Community Health Needs Assessment, Stormont Vail Health found that some of the greatest health needs in Shawnee County are **improved health literacy** and **greater care coordination**. As Stormont Vail Health continues to shift to a population health model of care, the money saved by participating in the 340B program is being reinvested into addressing these identified health needs. One of the new services that has been added in the past year is the addition of an **ambulatory care pharmacy specialist**. This pharmacist provides free medication therapy management services for high-risk patients in the Cotton O'Neil Intensive Primary Care clinic, COPD clinic and Cotton O'Neil North, the patient-centered medical home, along with the HealthWise clinic, aimed at older adults. He reviews patients scheduled at Cotton O'Neil North for referral eligibility, based on a number of different qualifications. Of the nearly 1,000 patients who were scheduled in December 2018, he reviewed 47 percent of them and was able to make **200 recommendations**. The savings from the 340B program also help to provide medical care for those less fortunate. In FY 2018, we had **\$45,945,012** in community benefit.

THE PATIENTS

Those seeing the largest benefit from our savings through the 340B program are the patients of the Cotton O'Neil Cancer Center and Cotton O'Neil Infusion Center. These patients typically have multiple prescriptions that can cause them major financial strain.

THE IMPACT

Through Stormont Vail's patient-centered medical home model, we are able to provide wrap-around services to our patients through additional support team members. Without the 340B program, our low-income and indigent patient populations would see a reduction in access to the detailed care and review of our ambulatory care pharmacist and other support team members, and the dollar amount of community benefit would fall.