

CHC AMBASSADOR NEWSLETTER

TAKE ACTION TODAY TO PROTECT 340B IN MAINE!

Maine CHC's support [LD 1018](#), a bill to protect access to the 340B drug pricing program. **A public hearing for the legislation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at 10 AM** before the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee.

340B is an essential source of support for CHCs, allowing them to stretch increasingly scarce federal resources and reinvest in patient care. Over the past five years, pharmaceutical manufacturers have placed several restrictive and discriminatory requirements on 340B entities, resulting in millions in lost savings for Maine's safety-net providers. LD 1018 addresses these attacks and protects the health care safety-net in Maine – at no cost to the taxpayer or government.

Submit testimony today to let Augusta know they need to protect CHC access to 340B.

[TESTIMONY TEMPLATE](#)

➔ HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR LD 1018

Visit the [Testimony Submission](#) page on the Maine Legislature website and select the following:

- Type: Public Hearing
- Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services
- Date: April 16, 2025 10AM
- Bill: LD 1018 - An Act to Protect Health Care for Rural and Underserved Areas by Prohibiting Discrimination by Participants in a Federal Drug Discount Program
- Upload a file, enter your information, and press submit!



340B SAVINGS ARE USED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES

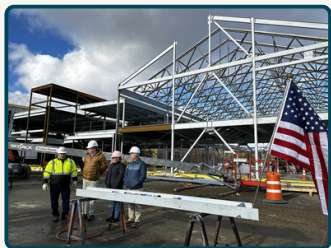


- Comprehensive diabetes programs and insulin availability
- Cancer treatment programs and prevention
- Behavioral and mental health care
- Workforce (community health workforce, support staff, outreach & enrollment, etc.)
- Access to free and discounted drugs
- HIV/AIDS care
- Substance use disorder treatment
- Wrap around services including transportation, heating assistance, and food pantries



HOMETOWN HEALTH CENTER: 340B IS A LIFELINE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Alicia Millette, 340B Program Coordinator, shares how 340B is an essential part of the health center. HOMETOWN serves rural central Maine with locations in Newport, Dexter, SBHC at RSU149, and a Mobile Unit. They offer medical services, dental services, behavioral health services, a prescription assistance program, and much more. They are currently constructing a new medical and wellness center in Palmyra to meet health care demands for the 20+ communities they serve in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, and Waldo counties.



(L) Installation of the final high steel beam on the new Palmyra location. (R) Team members collecting back to school supplies.

What is your role at HOMETOWN Health Center? I am the 340B Program Coordinator here at HOMETOWN Health Center. With the cost of food, housing, and utilities going up, every penny counts for our most vulnerable patients. I work closely with our 340B Vendors and Contract Pharmacies to assist patients who qualify for 340B assistance based on their income to get their prescriptions at a reduced cost.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT 340B IN MAINE AND ENSURE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR RURAL AND UNDERSERVED MAINE COMMUNITIES.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & TAKE ACTION TODAY

What kinds of programs is HOMETOWN able to provide due to savings earned through the 340B program? We reinvest the savings received from the 340B Program into two important services at HOMETOWN, our Prescription Assistance Programs and Community Health Workers Program.

Our Prescription Assistance Programs work directly with patients and pharmaceutical manufacturers and/or charity organizations to help individuals access prescriptions at low or no cost.

Our Community Health Worker Program helps patients, and their families navigate and access community services. Not only do our Community Health Workers provide social support and informal counseling, but they work directly with our patients to assist in immediate needs such as food insecurity and transportation issues to access healthcare or pick up medications.

How have manufacturer restrictions on the 340B program impacted the services HOMETOWN provides to patients? The restrictions on the 340B program have had a negative impact on the services we provide. Our health center staff live in the communities we serve and have a direct understanding of how great the need for care is in this area. We want to expand these programs to reach more of our patients but find ourselves with less resources to care for our neighbors.

Why is it important to protect the 340B program?

For HOMETOWN, the 340B Program allowed us to reinvest \$279,000 in savings from the 340B program. While this may not seem like a lot of money, it ensured that we were able to get medications to our most at need patients with no copay worth over \$300,000. It also allowed us to transport our homebound patients and bring them to their appointments and then to the pharmacy to pick up prescriptions. These are real and tangible supports for our patients. Manufacturer restrictions continue to decrease the savings we should be able to access and will cause us to eliminate programs that are essential to Maine people.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Maine Public Health Association State House Day of Action

In honor of National Public Health Week, [join MPHA for a State House Day of Action](#) on Tuesday, April 8. At 11am, there will be a press conference to unveil a Cancer Prevention Policy Toolkit, and from 12pm-4pm, partners will gather in the Hall of Flags to talk about MPHA policy priorities, including chronic disease and cancer prevention.

Moving Maine Network's Priority Bills

In response to community input, Moving Maine Network is championing two bills this legislative session. [Sign up here](#) to stay up to date on the public hearing schedules and submit testimony:

- LR 1650 - An Act to Strengthen Coordination of Community Transportation in Maine - Sponsored by Senator Mike Tipping: a bill to coordinate and maximize the multiple funding streams that provide human services transportation; create Mobility Management Hubs in eight regions, to help people access the full range of local transportation options.
- LR 575 - An Act to Improve MaineCare Transportation - Sponsored by Senator Rick Bennett: a bill to establish a transparent process for future MaineCare transportation broker contracting and management.

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CHCs IN THE NEWS

HOMETOWN Health Center

CEO Robin Winslow received the 2025 Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award from the [Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce](#) in recognition of her positive impact on the community.

Nasson Health Care

Carter Friend, CEO of York County Community Action Corporation which operates Nasson Health Care, joined U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree and other health care advocates for a [round table](#) on the importance of Medicaid to Maine.

MAINE CHC LEADERS RECOGNIZED BY COMMUNITY CARE PARTNERSHIP OF MAINE

Congrats to leaders from Health Access Network, Eastport Health Care, and Greater Portland Health!

Congratulations

to the winners of the **2025 CCPM Awards!**



Mary Prybylo Collaboration Award
Nicole Glidden, RN, BSN, MBA
Chief Executive Officer
Health Access Network



CCPM Care Delivery Innovation Award
Marcy Kyle & Deb Pottle
Registered Dietician & Diabetes Program Manager
Eastport Health Care



CCPM Engagement Award
Nick Breed
Quality/Data Analyst II
Greater Portland Health

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