

# Facts about the NorthSTAR

## 340B Pharmacy Program

What is 340B?

It is a Federal drug pricing program administered by the Office of Pharmacy Affairs in Washington, D.C. It allows NorthSTAR indigent consumers to access medications at significantly reduced prices.

How does NorthSTAR qualify for the 340B program?

ValueOptions NorthSTAR qualifies for 340B pricing through a partnership with UTMB (University of Texas Medical Branch). UTMB meets Federal requirements to use 340B pricing.

What are the benefits to using the 340B program?

1. Helps contain ever-escalating pharmacy costs
2. Anticipated reduction of the NorthSTAR atypical waiting list
3. Develops a healthcare screening program for NorthSTAR consumers that will result in improved coordination of physical and mental healthcare needs.

Are Medicaid NorthSTAR consumers affected by the 340B program?

No. Medicaid consumers will continue with their existing pharmacy benefit.

Will the 340B program change how indigent consumers fill their prescriptions?

**YES.**

How will the 340B program change how indigent consumers fill their prescriptions?

The 340B program requires that each consumer be assigned a **SINGLE** pharmacy where they can get their prescriptions filled. Prescriptions can only be filled at the assigned pharmacy.

How will consumers be notified of their pharmacy assignment?

Consumers will be notified through the clinic sites where they currently receive prescriptions.

What happens if the consumer goes to a non-designated pharmacy?

They will be redirected to the designated pharmacy.

Will there be changes in the NorthSTAR formulary and the NorthSTAR pre-authorization process?

No.

Who does the consumer call if they cannot get their prescriptions filled?

Customer Service: 1-888-800-6799

When will these changes be effective?

Consumers will be notified through their NorthSTAR clinic or provider. The official start date of the 340B program has not been finalized.