



October 1, 2020

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administers the 340B Drug Pricing Program (340B Program), which allows certain safety-net health care providers, specified in statute, to obtain discounts on covered outpatient drugs from drug manufacturers. Some of these providers, known as covered entities, include Urban Indian Organizations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, and specific disproportionate share hospitals. Manufacturers participating in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program agree to charge covered entities a price that will not exceed the amount determined under the statute (ceiling price) when selling covered outpatient drugs to covered entities. Covered entities receive these drugs at significantly reduced prices.

HRSA has received correspondence from tribal leaders outlining their concerns regarding recent actions by pharmaceutical manufacturers to limit the access of covered entities to 340B drugs. Due to these concerns, HRSA is convening a Rapid Listening Session with Tribal Leaders on the 340B Program.

As part of HRSA's ongoing commitment to Indian Country, this letter serves as official notice of HRSA's intent to hold a Rapid Listening Session with Tribal Leaders on the 340B Program to provide a forum to express their concerns regarding the 340B Program. This will be a listening session only, as HRSA continues to evaluate this issue and any potential actions. Your input will ensure HRSA has the best possible information to respond to Indian Country concerns.

The listening session will be conducted as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (EDT). To participate in this Rapid Listening Session with Tribal Leaders on the 340B Program, please dial in at least 10 minutes before the appointed time to:

Conference number: 800-857-5137

Participant passcode: 2840899

HRSA is committed to assisting you in addressing your concerns regarding the 340B Program. We look forward to your participation in the October 7, 2020, listening session and working with you on this critical matter affecting tribes and tribal organizations.

Sincerely,

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Administrator