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ADAP Advocacy Submits Public Comment on 340B Program

Senator's Bipartisan Working Group on 340B issued request for information on how to improve accountability and transparency

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – ADAP Advocacy, in collaboration with the Community Access National Network (CANN), submitted public comment in response to the Request for Information (RFI) issued by the Senator's Bipartisan 340B Working Group seeking feedback on the 340B Drug Pricing Program. The recommendations submitted to the working group focus on returning the 340B Program to its legislative intent, rather than the program's current trajectory which largely benefits providers over patients.

Summarized ADAP Advocacy Association's CEO, Brandon M. Macsata:

"There is a growing chorus calling for long-overdue changes to 340B because too many hospitals and mega service providers have abused the program. Why should patients with 340B-eligible scripts be charged a co-payment for their prescription yet not refunded for it after the provider collects the rebate from the prescription once adjugated under the claim? Why is charity care offered by hospitals on the decline while their 340B revenues soar? Why do nearly half of the covered entities not provide any sort of discount to uninsured patients through their contract pharmacies? These are only a few examples why we're calling for more accountability and transparency in the program."

ADAP Advocacy's public comments on the 340B RFI can be read online at https://www.adapadvocacy.org/publications.html#pc.

Tez Anderson, an HIV long-term survivor who founded Let's Kick ASS | AIDS Survivor Syndrome, and member of ADAP Advocacy's Ryan White Grantee 340B Patient Advisory Committee, added: "It is time for providers to open their books and show us how this money is being spent...every last penny. There is no doubt that many providers are doing amazing work and connecting people living with HIV to medical care and their prescribed medications, but a lot of facts paint a troubling picture showing more could be done to help patients like me."

To learn more about ADAP Advocacy, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or the 340B Program, please email info@adapadvocacy.org.

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About ADAP Advocacy: The ADAP Advocacy's mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. aaa+® works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.