Contract Pharmacies Expand Health Centers’ Reach

Health centers provide millions of patients each year with life-saving medical prescriptions through the 340B program and contract pharmacies. Recent contract pharmacy restrictions by drug manufacturers are taking a financial toll on health centers’ ability to provide affordable care. This detrimentally impacts patients as contract pharmacies serve as an extension of health centers, increasing access for patients and ensuring they can receive discounted medications without creating additional barriers.

86% of health centers utilize contract pharmacies, allowing health centers to reach hundreds of zipcodes.

Recent manufacturer restrictions on shipping 340B priced drugs to contract pharmacies could drastically impact health centers’ livelihoods and their patients’ health outcomes.

Health centers heavily rely on contract pharmacies to provide their patients with life-saving medications, particularly in rural areas where patients may live far from the health center.

Data comes from 302 individual health center respondents to NACHC’s 340B survey, fielded from April 11 to May 13. For more information contact Gracy Trinoskey-Rice at gtrinoskeyrice@nachc.org