

# Value of the 340B Program

Mount Carmel Health (Mount Carmel East & West), Columbus, OH

**THE HOSPITAL:** Mount Carmel Health consists of Mount Carmel East (MCE) and Mount Carmel West (MCW) hospitals. MCW is the original hospital in the Mount Carmel Health System. MCW is a certified Primary Stroke Center, an award-winning Network Cancer Program, has a Bariatric Center that's designated as a national Center of Excellence, is home to several ACGME-accredited physician residency programs, and houses the Mount Carmel College of Nursing, one of the largest baccalaureate nursing programs in Ohio. MCE is a full-service inpatient hospital with a Level II Trauma Center. It houses a number of specialty centers, including a Heart Center and Maternity Center, and services such as multiple intensive care units, an endoscopy lab, a neuroscience unit with epilepsy monitoring beds and the Bruce E. Siegel Center for Health Education. As part of Mount Carmel Health System, MCE and MCW contributed to the \$112,407,392 dollars in benefit to the community provided by the system in fiscal year 2018.

**THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B PROGRAM:** At Mount Carmel, we provide healthcare not only to the patients at our central Ohio hospitals and health centers, but also to the host of underserved members of our community who have limited access to basic health services and little or no ability to pay for them.

Mount Carmel's 340B Program provides savings that bolster our ability to provide these services through Mount Carmel Outreach and Street Medicine. This department extends our reach into the community and helps provide free health services to those in need. Through the program we are able to provide physical exams, diagnoses and treatments, health assessments and screenings, health education, referrals and social service assistance, including:

- Free nursing visits to moms and new babies through our Welcome Home program
- Street medicine team providing healthcare to homeless persons living on the land
- Free urgent healthcare at sites throughout central Ohio through our traveling Mobile Medical Coach
- The Crime and Trauma Assistance Program provides trauma-focused therapy to victims of crime and those who've experienced a traumatic event

The program brings comfort and hope to more than 40,000 central Ohioans each year, and is as considerable a benefit to the community as it is to the patients and families it serves.

**IMPACT IF THE PROGRAM WAS SCALED BACK:** Mount Carmel Outreach and Street Medicine efforts continue to expand each year. Our ability to provide these services and continue to grow the much needed support for the underserved would face significant challenges if the 340B Program was scaled back and/or limited for our health system.