# 340B Midwest Regional Conference & Expo



## August 25 & 26, 2025

Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center 100 Green Meadows Drive South Lewis Center, Ohio 43035



Hosted by the Ohio Pharmacists Association

## 340B MIDWEST CPE ACTIVITIES/SESSIONS



Join us for the OPA 340B Midwest Regional Conference & Expo, August 25 & 26, at the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center, in Columbus, Ohio. Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other healthcare professionals, health-system and health center executives, GPOs, wholesalers, drug company decision makers, healthcare leaders, as well as federal, state, and local government officials are invited to learn, interact, network and address today's toughest challenges in community healthcare. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians can earn up to six hours (0.6 CEU) of continuing pharmacy education credit. Exhibitors will be on hand during breakfast, breaks, lunch, and evening reception to discuss their products and services designed to meet your practice needs.

#### Keynote: Navigating the Evolving 340B Program: An Update with

#### Apexus (non-CE)



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Shelly Wiest, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP, 340B ACE, SVP, Compliance and Communications, Apexus, Crestview Hills, KY

Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act requires drug manufacturers to provide discounted pricing on outpatient prescription drugs to eligible covered entities. These savings play a critical role in

supporting operational efficiency and improving access to care. As the health care landscape evolves and market dynamics shift, the 340B Program continues to face new complexities. This session will begin with an overview of current trends from the 340B Prime Vendor Program (PVP). Attendees will gain practical strategies to navigate these challenges and strengthen their organization's compliance and integrity within the 340B Program.

#### 340B Compliance Low-Hanging Fruit: Creating an OPAIS Crosswalk



Hannah Rowell, 340B ACE, Senior 340B Consultant, Draffin Tucker, Albany GA

This session will walk you through clear and easy steps for comparing your OPAIS Database records with key sources of truth at your health center. We all know that some elements of 340B compliance

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can be tricky, but managing your OPAIS database records is an easy way to improve your overall compliance and decrease audit risk. This session will provide step-by-step guidance with screenshots on how to create an OPAIS Crosswalk, and the supporting rationale for each step of the process.

At the completion of this activity, the participant will learn how to:

- a) identify how to download 340B data from OPAIS;
- b) describe how to validate that contract pharmacy agree ments match HRSA expectations; and
- c) review how to validate Medicaid Exclusion File (MEF) is accurate.

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Knowledge-based activity

#### **Optimizing Pharmacy Technicians in** the 340B World



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Tess Oswalt MS, CPhT, 340B ACE, 340B Analyst, 340B Compliance Partners, Roaring Spring PA; Adrean Jones, BS, CPhT, School Based Health Technician Specialist and

340B Coordinator, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus OH; and Danielle Pierce, CPhT, Director of Pharmacy Operations, Equitas Health Pharmacy, Columbus OH

Pierce

This continuing education session will explore how pharmacy technicians can play a vital role in optimizing 340B program operations. By expanding their responsibilities beyond traditional duties, technicians can enhance compliance, ensure program integrity, and prevent financial risks. Attendees will learn how

technicians contribute to cost savings and revenue maximization through efficient purchasing, auditing, and inventory management. Additionally, the session will highlight how leveraging technicians in 340B operations can improve patient access to affordable medications and enhance overall health outcomes. At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- a) discuss the expanded role of pharmacy technicians in 340B operations;
- b) identify how technicians can support compliance, auditing, purchasing, and inventory management to optimize program efficiency and sustainability; and
- c) recognize the impact of technicians on cost savings and patient care – learn how technician involvement in 340B operations contributes to financial savings, revenue maximization, and improved patient access to affordable medications.

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### **Monday Breakouts**

#### Hospitals: Ask the Experts (non-CE)



Madeline Wallack, PhD, MS, 340B ACE, Co-Founder and CEO of Rx/X, Minneapolis, MN; and Heidi Larson, PharmD, 340B ACE, Director of Pharmacy Services, SpendMend, Minneapolis MN

Wallack Larson

Join this session to discuss challenges related to compliance in this ever-changing 340B landscape, current auditing trends, and strategies to ensure HRSA audit readiness.

#### Grantees: Ask the Experts (non-CE)



Jangus Whitner, PharmD, MHA, BCACP, 340B ACE, Director, 340B Policy and Compliance, Apexus, Irving TX; and Felicity Homsted, PharmD, MBA, 340B ACE, Chief Executive Officer, FQHC 340B Compliance, Lebanon TN This session will provide an opportunity

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for health care organizations that receive federal grant funds and that participate in the 340B drug pricing program to ask experts key legal and operational questions to further support their safety-net health care missions.

#### Legislative and Litigative Update



Felicity Homsted, PharmD, MBA, 340B ACE, Chief Executive Officer, FQHC 340B Compliance, Lebanon TN

This session will provide an overview of the current political and legal landscape of 340B reform, the impact it could have on your covered entity's

Homsted

operations, and what steps you and your registered lobbyist can take to advocate for contract pharmacy protections.

At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to: a) review the current pending legislation aiming to reform the 340B program;

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- b) describe the political and legal dynamics of the current 340B reform; and
- c) recognize opportunities for covered entities to educate legislators.

Knowledge-based activity

#### 340B HRSA Audits: The Good, The Bad, The Reality



Jason Prokopik, PharmD, MBA, 340B ACE, Senior Manager - Pharmacy Services, Blue & Co. LLC, Indianapolis IN; and Madeline Wallack, PhD, MS, 340B ACE, Co-Founder and CEO

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of Rx/X, Minneapolis, MN This session will include current infor-

mation regarding recent HRSA audits speakers have participated in, education for 340B providers of the common HRSA auditing practices currently being used, and ideas regarding the changes over time speakers have experienced since the Genesis legal ruling and how it may have impacted covered entities going forward. At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- a) review standard HRSA auditing practices and outline the covered entities responsibilities in this process;
- b) discuss real word experience from multiple HRSA audits; and
- c) identify best practices and areas of opportunities for covered entities undergoing HRSA audits.

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#### Specialty Pharmacy: What is so pecial" about it?



Brenda Reitz, RPh, 340B ACE, Pharmacy Director, Family Health Services of Darke County, OH; and Becky Nugent, R.Ph., PharmD, Clinical Lead-Operations at Nationwide Children's Hospital Specialty Pharmacy,

Reitz

Nugent Columbus OH

Speakers will share experiences around becoming Specialty Accredited and partnering with a consultant in order to expand patient access to treatment and medication. We will have data to show positive revenue, improved patient outcomes and positive impact to our overall organization. Innovation is a constant search for new service lines that will improve our communities health and ensure our community health center remains strong even in turbulent times.

At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- a) identify the steps required to become Specialty Accredited; and
- b) describe how to utilize your pharmacy staff to expand services and revenue.

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#### Manufacturer Restrictions: Rebate Edition



Chelsea Violette, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, 340B ACE, FQHC 340B Compliance, Chief Operating Officer, Lebanon TN

Since the first coming into effect in 2020, FQHCs have had to find strategies to address manufacturers' contract pharmacy restrictions. This session will focus on hands on operational strategies to address man-

ufacturer contract pharmacy restrictions and help restore access to 340B medications. We will discuss alternatives for addressing the manufacturer restrictions, principally by designation of single pharmacies under alternate sites and data submission to 340B manufacturer-chosen vendors. The speaker will review the use of pharmacy designation and limited data sharing as methods to restore access to restricted manufacturers, as well as share real-world FQHC experiences from FQHCs already participating in these models.

At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- a) review recent changes in the contract pharmacy landscape and types of restrictions imposed by manufacturers;
- b) illustrate the steps involved to restore 340B access through data sharing and designating contract pharmacies to health center associated sites; and
- c) compare and contrast strategies used by FQHCs to mitigate the impact to medication access and FQHC operational margin.

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#### CONTINUING PHARMACY EDUCATION CREDIT

This meeting is targeted to all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. The continuing pharmacy education (CPE) for this program is coordinated by the Ohio Pharmacists Foundation (OPF). To receive CPE credit for the live conference, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must attend the entire session, actively participate, and complete the speaker evaluation(s) in OPA's LecturePanda platform indicating sessions attended within 60 days of the Conference. CPE Statements of Credit can be printed from the CPE Monitor.

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#### Monday, August 25

8:00 am	Registration, Expo and Continental Breakfast			
9:00 am	Keynote: Navigating the Evolving 340B Program: An Update with Apexus			
10:10 am	340B Compliance Low-Hanging Fruit: Creating an OPAIS Crosswalk			
11:10 am	Break with Expo			
11:25 am	Optimizing Pharmacy Technicians in the 340B World			
12:25 pm	Lunch with Expo			
1:30 pm	Monday Breakouts: Ask the Experts			
	<ul><li>Hospitals</li><li>Grantees</li></ul>			
3:00 pm	Break with Expo			
3:30 pm	Legislative and Litigative Update			
4:30 pm	Reception			
Tuesday, August 26				
8:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast			
9:00 am	340B HRSA Audits: The Good, The Bad, The Reality			
10:10 am	Specialty Pharmacy : What is so "Special" about it?			
11:20 am	Manufacturer Restrictions: Rebate Edition			

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1. speaker evaluation for each session,

- 2. one-time conference evaluation,
- 3. claim credit(s) in LecturePanda, and

4. submit credit(s) via LecturePanda. Once live credits have been claimed, the attendee must <u>submit</u> the credits in the LecturePanda platform to the CPE Monitor by **Thursday, October 23, 2025**.

## **Conference Hotel**

12:20 pm

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**Conference Adjournment** 

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