

Trinity Health Michigan 340B Testimony - Addendum

- Diabetes Care - A Medicare patient who could not afford insulin admitted to her case manager that she had been using insulin that expired three years prior. The case manager helped the patient apply for full Medicaid secondary to her Medicare, Low Income Subsidy (LIS) program through Social Security, which made her drug plan free with no deductible, no donut hole and very reduced copays. She also applied for the Medicare Savings Program so that the state could cover her Medicare part B premium. While her LIS was pending, we issued a one-time voucher to the pharmacy so that she could get a new vial of insulin that day, at 340B cost. Within a month, the assistance programs kicked in and allowed her to afford her medications and save money. She can now manage her blood sugar levels.
- A single mom who was prescribed Strattera was ready to forego treatment. At \$300–\$500 per month, she couldn't afford it. Her primary care physician suggested she check with Trinity Health Pharmacy, where she was able to get a three-month supply of her prescription for \$64 through our pharmacy access program.
- P* is a 68 year old female was able to pursue recovery from opiate use disorder because the 340B supported Pharmacy Access Program (RxAP) covered the co-pay on her Suboxone.
- A single mom with severe, uncontrolled asthma who receives her expensive inhalers through the RxAP. She is able to work and no longer has to choose between feeding her kids or treating her asthma.
- 70 year old female patient who is legally blind and was not able to control her diabetes because she couldn't see the read out on her glucometer. Through the RxAP and clinical team she was able to secure a glucometer with a very large readout screen that also spoke the reading result. She now controls her diabetes and says she is able to maintain her independence because of the RxAP.
- A.T. is a patient with COPD and also the caregiver for her very ill husband. When she was prescribed an expensive, but essential medication for her COPD, she thanked her physician, but also explained that she couldn't afford the medication and had to prioritize the expense of caring for her husband. The Trinity Health physician connected A.T. with a Community Health Worker who determined she qualified for the RxAP and she left with her medication in hand from the on site Trinity Health Pharmacy. She is very grateful and says that we helped turn "a burden into a blessing".
- A bereaved daughter fulfilling her dad's last wish to care for his two dogs after his death. Her limited income was not enough for the dogs and her own medications for blood pressure and diabetes. Jane chose to care for the dogs, but her own health suffered. She shared her struggle with her Trinity Health physician, who connected her with a CHW. She was not eligible for any federal or state sponsored assistance, but did qualify for our RxAP and has obtained her medications at no cost through Trinity Health Pharmacies. Jane is now controlling her health conditions and enjoying long walks with her dad's furry friends.
- A recently divorced woman, was losing access to coverage for 14 maintenance medications and on very limited Social Security income. She contacted her Trinity Health primary care physician and asked if there was anything they could do to help. Mary was connected to a CHW and tracked into the RxAP for all of her medications, and packaged in compliance packaging for better adherence to the treatment regimen. She was directed to Medicare enrollment and has been able to focus on the application and picking up her life again without the burden of unaffordable medications.
- A young women was diagnosed with gestational diabetes in her first pregnancy and started having symptoms again in her second pregnancy. Unfortunately, this triggered a diagnosis change from gestational diabetes to type 2 diabetes, which is not a covered

treatment under the Mi Medicaid MOMS program. Fortunately, she qualified for the RxAP that provided her insulin and testing supplies without cost. She was able to experience a healthy pregnancy and gave birth to a healthy baby!