

## Term Contract No. 271A

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION		
DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND CONTRACT		
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<b>Term Contract</b>	<b>271A</b>	<b>Birth Control Items</b>
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### 1. General Information

## 340B Prime Vendor Program

The State of North Carolina is participating in the 340B Prime Vendor Program to allow State Agencies that receive Title X funding the ability to purchase birth control products at sub-340B pricing. Statewide Term Contract 271A Birth Control Items.

**Staff members at the clinics can access the secure Web site at [www.340bpvp.com](http://www.340bpvp.com). To register online, click on the link, **340BPVP.COM WEB SITE REGISTRATION**, located on the right side of the page,**

In most cases, the online enrollment process should take approximately 10-15 minutes. You will have the ability to save the incomplete electronic participation agreement at any point during the enrollment process should you need to gather additional information. **Your 340B ID number is required during the registration process.** If you require additional information or assistance, please contact 340B PVP Customer Service at: (888) 340-2787 or email [340CustomerService@340bpvp.com](mailto:340CustomerService@340bpvp.com).

### 340B Prime Vendor Program

***The primary mission of the 340B Prime Vendor Program is to improve access to affordable medications for covered entities and their patients. The program is free and voluntary to facilities that are already 340B eligible.***

The 340B Prime Vendor Program (PVP) is managed by Apexus through a contract awarded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the federal government branch responsible for administering the 340B Drug Pricing Program. HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) manages the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

As the HRSA awarded 340B Prime Vendor , Apexus is responsible for the negotiation of pharmaceutical pricing below the [340B](#) price as well as improving access to affordable medications by establishing a distribution network for pharmaceuticals to covered entities.

Apexus continually works to add distributors to the Prime Vendor Network. The portfolio of drugs below the 340B ceiling pricing is continually updated as new contracts are negotiated. Value added products and services are also available through the PVP contract to help the participants recognize additional savings and value.

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### 340B Program

The 340B Program enables hospitals, community health centers, clinics and other safety net providers to purchase outpatient pharmaceuticals at discounted pricing, thereby expanding access to care to low-income and vulnerable segments of the population.

## Participation

Covered entities who wish to join the Apexus Prime Vendor Program must be actively registered with HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs.

### There are three sections to the participation agreement;

- Terms and conditions language (read)
- Electronic signature section (authorized agent to electronically accept)
- Participant profile section (about your hospital/clinic)

## View PVP portfolio and pricing

340B Ceiling price pilot - The Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) within the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is charged with administering the drug pricing program established by Section 340B of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (Section 340B). Section 340B requires that participating pharmaceutical manufacturers charge eligible covered entities a price for covered outpatient drugs that does not exceed the average manufacturer price (AMP) decreased by the Medicaid rebate percentage (the "340B ceiling price"). Further, pharmaceutical manufacturers are required to sign a Pharmaceutical Pricing Agreement with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, per Section 1927 (a) of the Social Security Act. In doing so, Section 340B mandates drug manufacturers who sign a Pharmaceutical Pricing Agreement agree to charge a price for covered outpatient drugs to covered entities that will not exceed the amount determined under a statutory formula (ceiling price).

Pharmaceutical manufacturers view their calculated 340B ceiling prices to be confidential and protected by law. Other than a Participants' ability to ask for each pharmacy manufacturer's current quarter 340B ceiling prices, the Web site provides a tool for participants to have the ability to verify 340B/PHS ceiling price discounts.

340B Selling price of three national and one regional distributors for 340B drugs••

Amerisource Bergen••  
Cardinal••  
McKesson••  
Morris & Dickson••

Quarterly best buys of 340B selling price ••

By therapeutic categories••  
Chemical compound••  
Oral contraceptives••

Educational information••

Tutorials webcast for pharmacy buyers, FP, and administrators

Contract summaries••

Publications••

Current and archive editions of Apexus PVP Pharmacy Flash••

Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP)••

**Benefits of Prime Vendor Program to Covered Entities**

- No cost or risk to participate
- Assists covered entities in fulfilling their missions of serving the low-income and uninsured populations by providing sub-340B discounts on outpatient pharmaceuticals
- Leverages collective purchasing power of more than 9,600 PVP participants with over \$4 billion in pharmacy purchases
- Allows access to a broad contract portfolio of sub-340B priced products with longer-term contracts to better manage formulary decisions and stabilize budget fluctuations
- Continues to use existing authorized distributor to access program's product pricing
- Offers steeper discounts since it is the only program with authority to offer total price protection to branded pharmaceutical manufacturers for outpatient covered drugs
- Assists with national price verification of Prime Vendor pricing and 340B PHS ceiling pricing from certain manufacturers via a secure Web site
- Provides access to value-added products and services with discount pricing for diabetic supplies, auditing and overcharge recovery services, patient assistance programs, split-billing software solutions, bar-coding software and hardware, unit-of-use and repackaging services, inventory management and tracking systems, and other outpatient related products and services as needed by your health center
- Compatible with disproportionate share hospitals designated GPO responsible for securing discounts in the inpatient setting
- Compatible with in-house or contract pharmacy

**2. Contract Addenda**
