



St. Clare Hospital

Lakewood, Washington

Expanding access to care for vulnerable populations

St. Clare Hospital is a 106-bed community hospital located in Lakewood, Washington. It is a full-service hospital providing 24/7 emergency services, heart and vascular care, orthopedic care, sleep medicine, and chronic pain management.

St. Clare Hospital is part of Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, a nonprofit health system that was created when CHI Franciscan and Virginia Mason merged in January 2021. One of the largest health systems in Washington state, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health includes 10 acute care hospitals, 284 outpatient centers, 12 urgent care clinics, Franciscan Hospice House, the Bailey-Boushay House, and the Benaroya Research Institute.

The 340B Drug Pricing Program helps expand access to care and stretch scarce health care dollars to deliver high-quality care to vulnerable patient populations, including low income, uninsured, underinsured, and homeless patients, as well as those living in rural communities. In addition, the 340B Program allows hospitals to offset uncompensated care and provide expensive medications free of cost, while focusing on safe, cost-effective care that results in improved patient outcomes.

340B savings support

- St. Clare’s outpatient infusion center provides comprehensive cancer care, chemotherapy, non-oncology infusion services, and support groups close to home.
- Through Project Access, the Premium Assistance program helps cover premiums for insured individuals who cannot afford premiums, keeping them from becoming uninsured.
- Copay assistance is provided for patients who meet the criteria and cannot afford complete copays.
- The Diabetes Assistance Program provides underinsured patients with insulin, monitoring equipment and supplies at no cost.
- Free medications are obtained for patients who have no insurance.
- Programs address opioid addiction, including provision of free naloxone to patients and families that address local needs.
- Financial support for patients who cannot afford transportation, DME, housing, and caregiver costs.

340B in Action

Disproportionate Share Hospital

 \$4.5 million
340B Savings

 19.4%
DSH Percentage

 \$12.2 million
Uncompensated Care

 \$48,000
Community Benefit
(charity care + uncompensated care + community programs)

 106
Total Licensed Beds

 31,495
Inpatient Days

 36,262
Outpatient Visits

 34,655
Emergency Care