

§ 143B-1475. Federal 340B Program – Department of Adult Correction/University of North Carolina Health Care System partnership.

(a) The Department of Public Safety shall partner with the University of North Carolina Health Care System (UNC-HCS) by October 1, 2019, to begin receiving all 340B Program savings realized from medications prescribed to inmates, but not administered, at a 340B Program-registered UNC-HCS site for non-HIV and non-HCV medications pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The Department of Adult Correction (DAC) shall be the successor in interest for the partnership established under this section.

(b) Pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, DAC shall direct that the prescribing authority of DAC providers be transferred to UNC-HCS providers for identified inmates treated at a 340B Program-registered UNC-HCS site.

(c) By October 1, 2019, DPS and UNC-HCS shall:

- (1) Identify the UNC-HCS inmate patients for whom shifting prescriptive authority to UNC-HCS is feasible and appropriate.
- (2) Establish a method for improving or maintaining quality and continuity of patient care once the prescriptive authority has shifted to UNC-HCS.
- (3) Develop mechanisms to ensure that the communication between the UNC-HCS prescriber and the DAC physician maintains the quality and continuity of care that inmates currently receive.
- (4) Select the UNC-HCS pharmacy, the DAC Apex Central Pharmacy, or a combination of both, as the pharmacy through which medications will be dispensed pursuant to this section. (2019-135, s. 9(a)-(c); recodified from N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-707.9 by 2021-180, s. 19C.9(i), (m).)