



340b Contract Pharmacy Impact

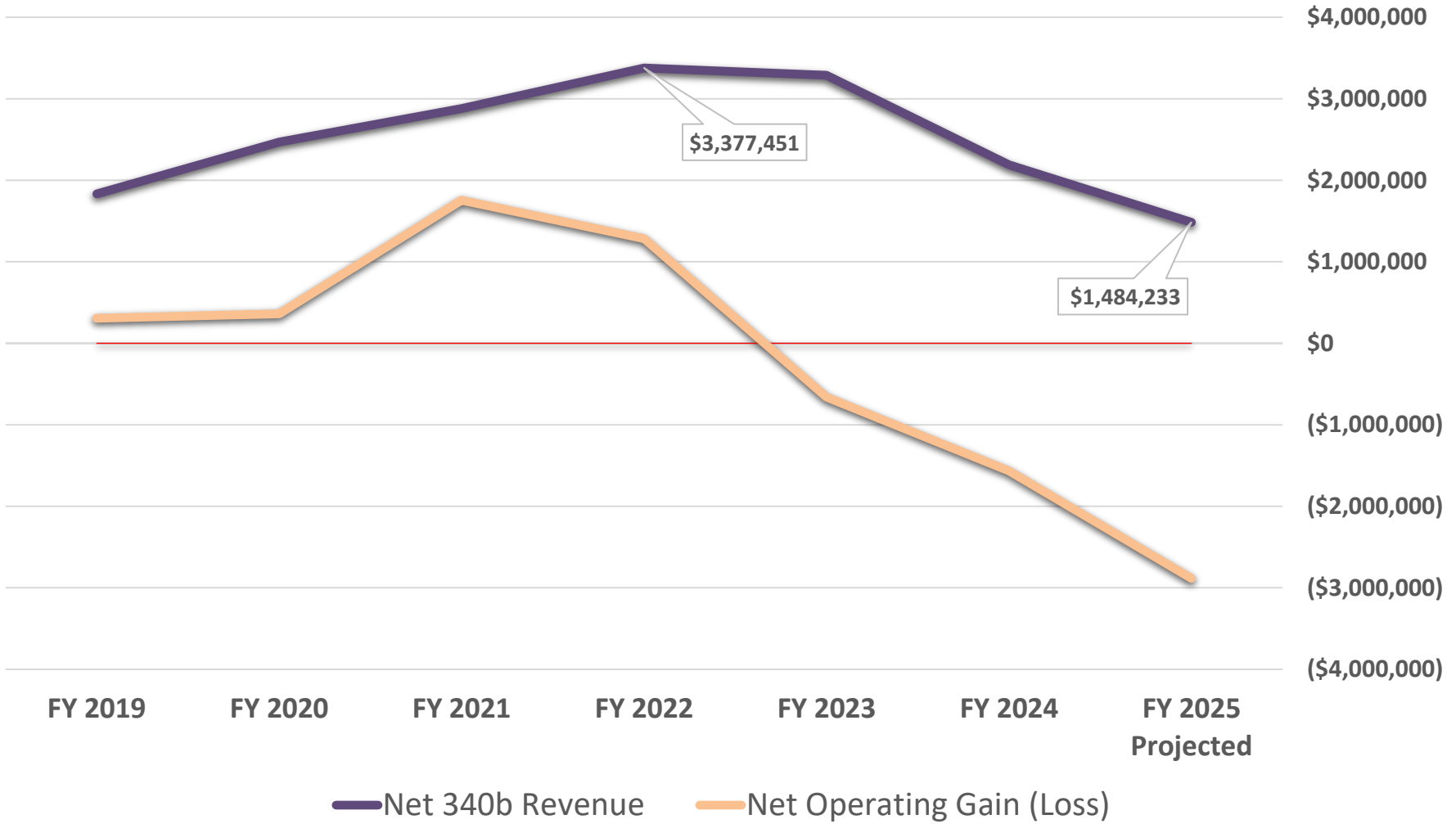
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Community Health Centers

Contract Pharmacy Net Revenue and Net Operating Gain (Loss)



340b FAQ

- Does 340b help vulnerable patients gain better access to medicines
 - Yes! Prescriptions are the end result of a patient first accessing care. No care > No medicine.
- Does 340b drive utilization?
 - No! The complicated 340b program is not even remotely in the mind of practicing providers. But the availability of new, high-priced medications advertised ubiquitously is very much on the mind of patients.

340b FAQ

- Is the 340b program responsible for the increase in Contract Pharmacies.
 - Yes! By definition the 340b Program is what creates contract pharmacies. CHC and many other FQHCs sought out contracts with ALL pharmacies in their catchment area.
- No! Does 340b squeeze out small and rural retailers?
 - No! But manufacturer restrictions do. Every month since 2021 there have been new restrictions placed on Covered Entities reducing savings and increasing administrative burden.
 - Limitations placed by manufacturers force CEs to make choices about which contract pharmacies to use.

340b iFAQ

- Where do 340b savings go?
 - Covered Entities (FQHCs, Hospitals)
 - Dispensing fees (Retail Pharmacies)
 - Admin Fees (Third Party Administrators aka TPAs)
- What do covered entities do with the savings?
 - Homeless healthcare
 - Rural outreach
 - Interpreter supported care
 - Operational support deficits, un(der)funded programs

Impact to CHC

- 340b Restrictions have impacted CHC this year by at least **\$1.8 Million**
- H.266 is an essential component of stabilizing the crumbling FQHC foundation, along with:
 - Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Changes.
 - Funding to bridge the gap between the ACO and the AHEAD model.

