Setting the Record *Straight*

340B and Charity Care

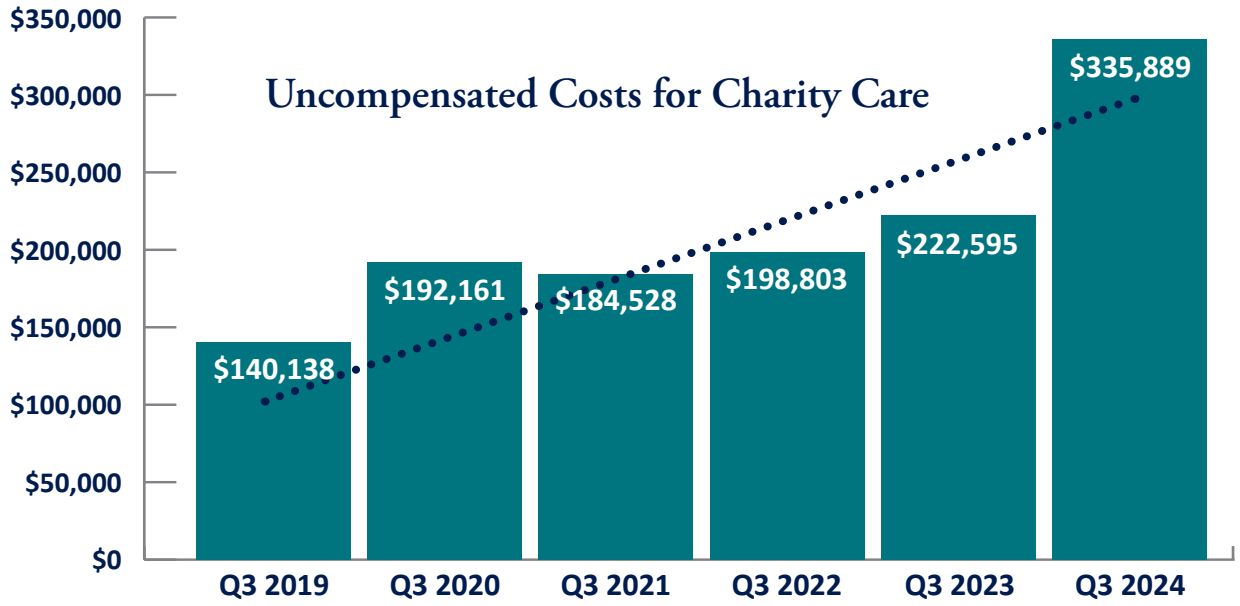
Big Pharma false narrative: X

"73% of 340B hospitals in Colorado are below the national average for charity care levels."

Setting the record straight: ✓

Colorado's 340B hospitals provided more than $330 million in charity care in 2023, according to reporting to the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. And importantly, that number is increasing rapidly with a rise in uninsured patients across the state and continued growth of Colorado's Hospital Discounted Care program, which limits the amount low-income patients can be billed for health care services.

In 2024, charity care costs were up more than 50 percent from 2023 and 140 percent compared to 2019.



Key Takeaway:

Colorado hospitals are providing more free care every day, and comparing them to a national average is misleading. Colorado has typically had a lower uninsured rate and more favorable poverty rate compared to other states. That doesn't mean Colorado's hospitals don't have people who need charity care – it just means that it's an apples-to-oranges comparison across states where the patient population and health care delivery systems vary significantly.

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