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340B Program Offers Large Prescription Drug Discounts for Area Patients

August 1, 2017 (Lexington, Mo.) Plain and simple, the 340B Drug Discount Program saves money and all Live Well Community Health Center patients in Buckner, Carrollton, Concordia and Waverly are eligible to take advantage of these cost savings. One patient was paying over \$270 a month of insulin. After enrolling in the 340B Program, this patient pays only \$40 for a three-month supply. In another instance, a patient was paying over \$100 for Cymbalta each month. With the help of the Program, this patient now pays \$53 for a three-month supply.

The 340B Drug Discount Program is a U.S. federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient pharmaceuticals to eligible health care organizations at significantly reduced prices. The Live Well Centers of Buckner, Carrollton, Concordia and Waverly have taken advantage of this program and have helped many of their patients pay considerably lower prescription drug costs.

"The program works for anyone who is a Live Well patient," said Amanda Arnold, RN, BSN. "It doesn't matter what their income is or whether or not they have insurance."

The Live Well Centers have forged partnerships with area pharmacies to offer the program: Britt's Central Drug in Concordia, Hometown Pharmacy in Carrollton and the Buckner Pharmacy.

Arnold, who works as a chronic disease manager and quality improvement coordinator at the Health Care Collaborative (HCC) of Rural Missouri, said anyone with questions about 340B, or who would like to get an approximate price on a particular medication may call her at 816.807.5795.

As for HCC, the 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization implements and supports countywide and sometimes regional programs that help create access to health education, awareness, prevention and treatment services. The HCC also owns and operates all four Live Well Clinics. These Federally Qualified Health Centers are full-service health clinics that accept all insurances including Medicaid and Medicare, as well as a sliding-fee scale, income-based fee structure for the uninsured. More information can be found at hccnetwork.org.

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