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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Covered Entity:

We are writing in follow-up to our previous communication on April 3, 2023. To ensure compliance with the state-imposed requirements under Arkansas Act 1103 in light of a recent ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, we have decided to adjust our 340B Contract Pharmacy Policy for covered entities and their contract pharmacies in the state of Arkansas, as set forth below. Our policy will otherwise remain the same.

Beginning March 20, 2024, Arkansas hospital covered entities will be able to order products and/or place "Bill to/Ship to" replenishment orders with respect to Arkansas-based community pharmacies with which they have contract pharmacy arrangements.

Novartis continues to support the core mission of the 340B program to increase access to outpatient drugs by uninsured, low-income, and other vulnerable patients.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you to further strengthen the 340B program. If you have any questions, please contact us at Novartis.340B@novartis.com.

Sincerely,

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