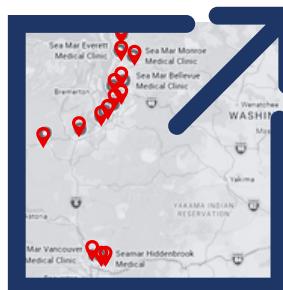


SEA MAR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

CASE STUDY



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OVERVIEW

Sea Mar is one of Washington's largest FQHC systems and one of the largest in the country, **totaling more than \$500 million in revenue** in 2024. Of that, Sea Mar netted **\$37 million in profit, with \$34 million attributed to profits from 340B**. Sea Mar owns their own for-profit architecture firm, owns and operates condos, and owns the for-profit entities Seattle Marysville Construction, Vancouver Housing, the Sea Mar Vancouver Condo Association, and other for-profit real estate investing entities.¹

RED FLAGS

- Executive Compensation**
 - Sea Mar's CEO Rojelio Riojas is paid around **\$1.5 million** per year.²
 - Deputy Director Mary Bartolo made \$686,835 in 2021, which exponentially **jumped to over \$1.7 million** in 2022.³
- DOJ, Discrimination & Long Waits**
 - In 2025, settled with the DOJ for allegedly **discriminating against patients with disabilities**.⁴
 - Sea Mar wholly owns a for-profit architectural design firm;⁵ the VP of Architecture's yearly salary is \$400,000.⁶
 - Reddit threads and Google reviews lambast Sea Mar for **poor communication** and **long wait times**.⁷

ACCREDITATION REVOKED

After 47 citations, a representative from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education was **"shocked and appalled"** by her visit; said Sea Mar's residency program is the **"worst"** she had seen with a **"hostile"** work environment.⁸

340B ABUSE

- Use of Contract Pharmacies**
 - Affiliated with 345 contract pharmacies, majority are large PBM-owned chains (i.e., Walgreens, etc.).⁹
- Incorrect/Late Reports and Inaccurate Sliding-Scale Implementation**
 - Sea Mar's auditor in 2024 issued Corrective Action Plans requiring staff to correctly interpret federal, state and local grants, submit reports on time, and accurately verify income for sliding-scale services.¹⁰
- 340B Profits, Unclear Patient Benefit**
 - In 2024, Sea Mar purchased drugs for \$5 million through 340B and **marked prices up over 10x to \$50 million**.¹¹

CONCLUSION

As a 340B entity, **patients must be Sea Mar's priority**, rather than stockpiling more than \$90M in cash and \$23M in investments.¹⁰ **Without 340B oversight and reform**, Sea Mar will continue to amass profits at the expense of serving high-need communities.

1) ProPublica: [Sea Mar Community Health Centers 2024 Tax Filing](#).

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7) Reddit.com: [Sea Mar Clinics](#).

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