



Dear Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Member

We are happy to inform you that the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program (SPDAP) will be providing a coverage gap (aka the "Donut Hole") subsidy for eligible members enrolled in a Maryland Medicare Part D prescription drug plan (PDP) in 2017.

As a Medicare Part D recipient you are responsible for 100% of your prescription drug costs while in the coverage gap, less applicable Federal Drug Discounts and any supplemental coverage offered by your plan. If your total drug costs exceed \$3,700 before the end of the year, you may be eligible for this Coverage Gap Subsidy. The maximum benefit per member for 2016 was \$600.00. For 2017 the maximum benefit has been increased to \$1,000.00.

To take advantage of this Coverage Gap Subsidy, you will need to provide us with your December 2017 Monthly Prescription Drug Summary Statement, provided by your Medicare Part-D plan. Your submitted 2017 statement will indicate your total drug costs for the 2017 plan year.

- ***If you do not have drug costs that exceed the initial coverage limit of \$3,700, you should not submit your Benefit Summary Statement. You are not entitled to the coverage gap benefit.***
- ***If the total drug costs are above the initial coverage limit of \$3,700, please submit your December 2017 Monthly Prescription Drug Summary Statement for our review.***

Members who receive a partial Federal Low Income Subsidy (LIS), or Extra Help, are not eligible to receive the coverage gap subsidy. However, you may be entitled if your LIS became effective or ended in 2017. If you began receiving partial LIS after Jan. 1, 2017, please provide us with your statement for the month prior to which your partial LIS became effective. If your partial LIS ended on Jan. 31, 2017 through Nov. 30, 2017, please provide us with your December 2017 statement.

Your 2017 Monthly Prescription Drug Summary Statement ***must be received by March 31, 2018*** to be processed for the 2017 Coverage Gap Subsidy benefit.

If you are eligible for the Coverage Gap Subsidy, a check will be issued and mailed to you directly from the SPDAP.

If you have any questions about the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Coverage Gap Subsidy benefit, or any other SPDAP questions, please call us at 1-800-551-5995; Mon-Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm EST, or visit us at [www.marylandspdap.com](http://www.marylandspdap.com) for more information.

Sincerely,

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