Closing the Coverage Gap

The health care law adds benefits to help make your Medicare prescription drug coverage more affordable. If you reach the Medicare Part D coverage gap, you can get discounts on your prescription drugs. The discounts will gradually increase until the coverage gap disappears in 2020.

Here’s how it works:

2013: You’ll get a 52.5% discount on brand-name and a 21% discount on generic drugs.

2014: You’ll get a 52.5% discount on brand-name and a 28% discount on generic drugs.

2015: You’ll get a 55% discount on brand-name and a 35% discount on generic drugs.

2016: You’ll get a 55% discount on brand-name and a 42% discount on generic drugs.

2017: You’ll get a 60% discount on brand-name and a 49% discount on generic drugs.

2018: You’ll get a 65% discount on brand-name and a 56% discount on generic drugs.

2019: You’ll get a 70% discount on brand-name and a 63% discount on generic drugs.

2020: The Medicare Part D coverage gap is completely closed.

How much you’ll pay out of pocket for each drug may vary depending on your Part D plan, the prices your plan negotiated, and how it has structured its gap coverage.

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