

- **Explain the “Gap” or “Doughnut Hole”**

- *All figures below are for 2009.*

- Gap (Doughnut Hole) begins when the total spent on drugs exceeds \$2700 in one year
- The \$2700 total includes both the amount spent both by you and the amount spent by the insurance company
- The \$2700 threshold total does not include the monthly premiums paid by you
- Gap ends when you have spent a total of \$4350 of your own money on drugs (excluding premiums)
- While in the Gap, you must pay 100% of the cost of the drugs unless you have Gap coverage. Under most plans Gap coverage only applies to certain generic drugs.
- Some plans allow you to purchase drugs while in the gap at the lower price negotiated by the insurance company while others require you to pay the full pharmacy retail list price
- Once you have spent \$4350 of your own money, the catastrophic coverage begins. The individual pays approximately 5% of the cost of the drugs from then on until the end of the year. There is no carry-over from year to year. Each year starts anew.

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