

AARP South Carolina Health Action Now

AARP's New Easy-to-Use Doughnut Hole Tool Has Arrived!

Summer is a time of year when many people in Medicare Part D fall into the “doughnut hole,” but AARP has developed a new resource to help you or your loved ones stay out of this coverage gap that requires enrollees to pay 100 percent of their medication costs.

In South Carolina, 30% of people in Medicare Part D fell into the doughnut hole in 2007. This new, interactive, online tool can help South Carolina residents reduce their Part D spending by identifying safe, effective alternatives, such as generic or therapeutically similar drugs.

That is why AARP developed a calculator to help people in Medicare Part D save on drug costs by postponing or, in some cases, avoiding the doughnut hole. And, even if you don't hit the doughnut hole, the tool can give you options to lower your out of pocket drug costs.

It is easy to use. Fill in your zip code, click on your health plan, list your drugs. The calculator will tell you how long your coverage will last before you will hit the doughnut hole. You will receive a list of less expensive medications. The calculator also allows you to print a letter—in English and in Spanish—you can give to your doctor for each medication alternative that may save you money.

More good news? Any information stays private! In fact, it goes away as soon as you exit the calculator.



Click the doughnut and see how much money you can save by using the “doughnut hole” calculator!

Thanks to the following individuals for making a difference by writing a “letter to the editor” to their respective newspapers on health care reform: Ira Kirschner, Dan O’Connell, Chris DeJong, Sioux Taylor, Bob Newburn, and Howard Newton. Contact AARP SC at scaarp@aarp.org to find out how to submit your LTE!



Join in on Health Care Reform Town Hall Meetings

AARP, SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce, and SC Fair Share to hold health care reform town hall meetings in July

July 2 Rep. John Spratt Rock Hill - Baxter Hood Center 4 p.m.

July 6 Rep. James Clyburn Columbia - Drew Wellness Center 5 p.m.

July 11 Rep. James Clyburn Charleston - Location and time TBA

Watch for more dates and elected officials!



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Do you have a story to share on finding affordable, accessible health care? AARP SC is creating a collection of stories about every day people who unfortunately don't have health care coverage. Send your name, contact information and a brief few words about your situations. Email it to: pcobb@aarp.org

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