



# PREPARE FOR THE MEDICARE Rx COVERAGE GAP

## WHAT IS IT?

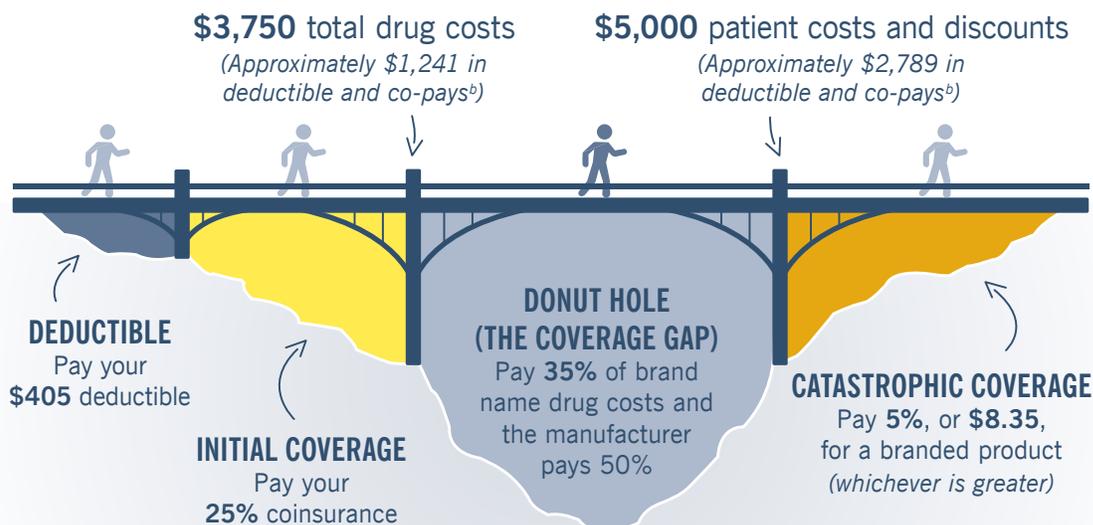
You may have heard of the Medicare Rx Coverage Gap, also known as the “donut hole,” and wondered what it means for you. **When you reach the donut hole, your co-pays will increase.** It is important to know **this is temporary.**

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- **You enter the donut hole** if your total drug costs (the costs you and your health insurance have paid for covered drugs) reach \$3,750. You begin paying 35% of brand name drug costs and 44% of generic drug costs<sup>1,2,a</sup>  
*Note: At this point you may have spent approximately \$1,241 in drug costs<sup>a,b</sup>*
- **You exit the donut hole** when your deductible and co-pays, combined with discounts from the manufacturer (i.e., drug company), reach \$5,000<sup>1,a</sup>  
*Note: At this point you may have spent approximately \$2,789 in drug costs<sup>a,b</sup>*
- **You earn additional discounts** after exiting the donut hole and entering the “catastrophic coverage” stage. You only pay 5% of your branded drug costs, or \$8.35 for each branded prescription, for the rest of the year (whichever is greater)<sup>2</sup>
- **You end the year** and all costs are reset for 2019

Use your monthly statements to see when you will enter and exit the donut hole. See next page for details

## ILLUSTRATED COVERAGE<sup>1,2,a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Based on individuals/couples at 150% federal poverty level or above, or with countable resources greater than \$14,100/\$28,150 for both.

<sup>b</sup> Estimates based on a \$405 deductible and 25% coinsurance payments in the initial coverage stage for all branded drugs, as well as 35% coinsurance payments in the coverage gap stage with a 50% manufacturer discount being applied for all branded drugs.

**References:** 1. HI 03001.005 Medicare Part D Extra Help (Low-Income Subsidy or LIS). Social Security Administration. <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0603001005>. Accessed February 7, 2018. 2. HIICAP Notebook, Module 6: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Medicare Part D). New York State Office for the Aging. <https://aging.ny.gov/HealthBenefits/Notebook/Modules/Mod6.pdf>. Accessed February 7, 2018.

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# OPTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To learn more about coverage and possible assistance with your medication costs, please see the following list:

## ✔ ENTRESTO® Central Helpline

Call to receive assistance from a live operator who will help answer your questions

Entresto®  
central

Call **1-888-368-7378** or visit [www.entresto.com/info/entresto-central.jsp](http://www.entresto.com/info/entresto-central.jsp) to learn about coverage and possible financial support options

## ✔ State Assistance Programs

- **The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP):**  
SHIP provides counseling and assistance for Medicare patients, their families, friends, and caregivers. To find the SHIP in your state, please visit: [www.shiptacenter.org](http://www.shiptacenter.org)
- **State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAPs):**  
Certain states also have SPAPs that may be able to help with Medicare drug costs for qualifying patients. To see if there are any available programs in your state, please visit: [www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/state-programs.aspx](http://www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/state-programs.aspx)

## ✔ Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

Your prescription drug plan sends monthly statements that show your drug spending and coverage stage. To see if you are close to entering the donut hole (at \$3,750 “total drug costs”) or exiting (at \$5,000 “out-of-pocket costs”), look for this information<sup>1</sup>:

- To learn more about Medicare, and information for help with prescription drug costs, please visit: [www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html](http://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html)

Year-to-date totals 01/01/2018 through [XX]/[XX]/2018
Your year-to-date amount for “total drug costs” is \$[XXX.XX]
Your year-to-date amount for “out-of-pocket costs” is \$[XXX.XX]

Please [click here](#) to see full Prescribing Information, including **Boxed WARNING**.

Please see full accompanying Important Facts About ENTRESTO on the following pages.

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**Entresto®**  
(sacubitril/valsartan) tablets  
24/26mg • 49/51mg • 97/103mg

# Important Facts About ENTRESTO®

## What is the most important information I should know about ENTRESTO?

ENTRESTO can harm or cause death to your unborn baby. Talk to your doctor about other ways to treat heart failure if you plan to become pregnant. If you get pregnant while taking ENTRESTO, tell your doctor right away.

## What is ENTRESTO?

ENTRESTO is a prescription medicine used to reduce the risk of death and hospitalization in people with certain types of long-lasting (chronic) heart failure. ENTRESTO is usually used with other heart failure therapies, in place of an ACE inhibitor or other ARB therapy.

Heart failure occurs when the heart is weak and cannot pump enough blood to your lungs and the rest of your body. It is not known if ENTRESTO is safe and effective in children.

## Who should not take ENTRESTO?

### Do not take ENTRESTO if you:

- are allergic to sacubitril or valsartan or any of the ingredients in ENTRESTO. See the end of the Patient Information leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in ENTRESTO.
- have had an allergic reaction including swelling of your face, lips, tongue, throat or trouble breathing while taking a type of medicine called an angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)
- take an ACE inhibitor medicine. **Do not take ENTRESTO for at least 36 hours before or after you take an ACE inhibitor medicine.** Talk with your doctor or pharmacist before taking ENTRESTO if you are not sure if you take an ACE inhibitor medicine
- have diabetes and take a medicine that contains aliskiren

## What should I tell my doctor before taking ENTRESTO?

**Before you take ENTRESTO, tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:** have kidney or liver problems or a history of hereditary angioedema; are pregnant or plan to become pregnant (See **“What is the most important information I should know about ENTRESTO?”**); are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if ENTRESTO passes into your breast milk. You and your doctor should decide if you will take ENTRESTO or breastfeed. You should not do both.

**Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Using ENTRESTO with certain other medicines may affect each other. Using ENTRESTO with other medicines can cause serious side effects. Especially tell your doctor if you take potassium supplements or a salt substitute; nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); lithium; or other medicines for high blood pressure or heart problems such as an ACE inhibitor, ARB, or aliskiren. Keep a list of your medicines to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

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## What are the possible side effects of ENTRESTO®?

### ENTRESTO may cause serious side effects including:

- See “**What is the most important information I should know about ENTRESTO?**”
- **Serious allergic reactions causing swelling of your face, lips, tongue, and throat (angioedema) that may cause trouble breathing and death.** Get emergency medical help right away if you have symptoms of angioedema or trouble breathing. Do not take ENTRESTO again if you have had angioedema while taking ENTRESTO. People who are Black and take ENTRESTO may have a higher risk of having angioedema than people who are not Black and take ENTRESTO. People who have had angioedema before taking ENTRESTO may have a higher risk of having angioedema than people who have not had angioedema before taking ENTRESTO. See “**Who should not take ENTRESTO?**”
- **Low blood pressure (hypotension).** Low blood pressure may be more common if you also take water pills. Call your doctor if you become dizzy or lightheaded, or you develop extreme fatigue.
- **Kidney problems.** Your doctor will check your kidney function during your treatment with ENTRESTO. If you have changes in your kidney function tests, you may need a lower dose of ENTRESTO or may need to stop taking ENTRESTO for a period of time.
- **Increased amount of potassium in your blood.** Your doctor will check your potassium blood level during your treatment with ENTRESTO.

These are not all the possible side effects of ENTRESTO. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

The most common side effects were low blood pressure, high potassium, cough, dizziness, and kidney problems.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

This information is not comprehensive. To learn more, talk to your health care provider or pharmacist, visit [www.entresto.com](http://www.entresto.com) to obtain the FDA-approved product labeling, or call 1-888-ENTRESTO.

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