

Donut Hole or Catastrophic Coverage through Via Benefits/GE

Donut Hole and Catastrophic Help from GE: "Retirees who met the eligibility requirements for the **GEPAF** would need to enroll in a prescription drug plan from Via Benefits for the applicable plan year to maintain eligibility for that benefit."

Changes to the 2019 Medicare Part D Donut Hole

- Brand name drugs will be covered at 75%, reducing your shared cost to 25%.
- Generic drugs will be covered at 63%, reducing your shared costs to 37%.
- Standard initial deductibles are projected to increase from \$405 to \$415 a month.
- Your initial coverage limit is projected to increase from \$3,750 to \$3,820.
- The donut hole TrOOP is projected to increase to \$5,100 from \$5,000. However, you are paying less money out of pocket to reach the \$5,100.
- After you reach the \$5,100, you become eligible for catastrophic coverage. At that point both your generic and brand drug purchases will be covered at 95%.

Additional Information to Know About the 2019 Medicare Part D Donut Hole

- Beneficiaries enrolled in the Extra Help program are not eligible for these discounts.
- Medicare sends a monthly Explanation of Benefits (EOB) that will indicate how much has been spent on generic and brand prescription drugs.