



# Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

Helps with the cost of prescription drugs

Two ways to get coverage:

- Add a standalone Part D plan to Original Medicare
- Choose a Medicare Advantage plan that includes prescription drug coverage

Plans offered by private insurance companies



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Medicare Part D plans cover:

Types of drugs most commonly prescribed for Medicare beneficiaries as determined by federal standards

Specific brand name drugs and generic drugs included in the plan's formulary, or list of drugs

Commercially available vaccines not covered by Part B



**PART**  
**D** 

## Formulary: List of Covered Drugs

### Tiered formulary

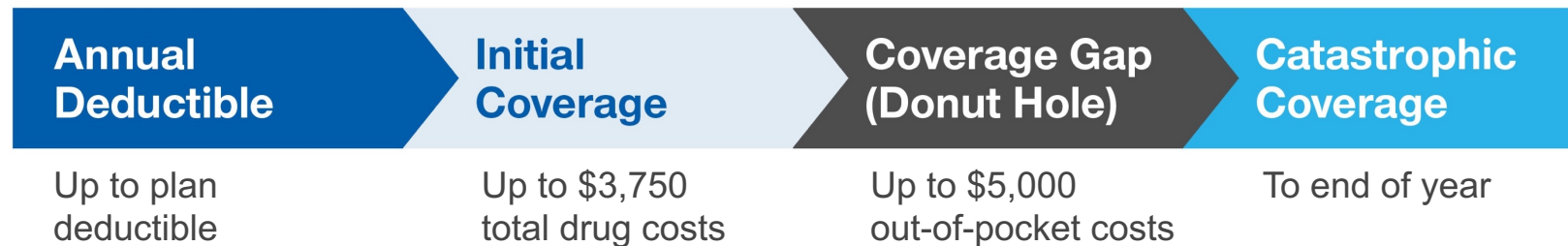
- Drugs are grouped into tiers based on cost
- In general, the lower the tier, the lower the cost
- Deductibles may be charged by tier

### Formulary Tiers

<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>
<b>Tier 4</b>	<b>\$\$\$\$</b>
<b>Tier 5</b>	<b>\$\$\$\$\$</b>

# Part D Coverage Gap: Donut Hole

## Coverage stages



- Amount paid for prescriptions depends on stage
- Dollar limits can change each year
- Not all plans have a deductible
- Many people never reach the coverage gap
- Cycle starts over on January 1 each year