

**Health Reform Funding Used to Provide Maryland with Medicare Part D “Donut Hole” Rebate Checks**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released new numbers from the D

“From new patient protection programs to new options for health care, Americans are finding ways to get the most out of their health insurance. From new patient protection programs to new options for health care, Americans are finding ways to get the most out of their health insurance.”

[Click here](#) or see below for a list of programs in Maryland made possible by the Affordable Care Act:

- **32,172 Medicare Part D “Donut Hole” Rebate Checks** :
- **Consumer Assistance Program** to Protect Consumers On the Worst Insurance Companies

1. Hire additional staff to assist with additional consumers, including:
  1. Deputy Director to help manage the cases and HEAU staff.
  2. Two additional Health Ombudsman.
  3. Additional support staff member.
  4. Medical professional to assist the Ombudsmen in preparing appeals and grievances, especially in
  5. Outreach coordinator to educate consumer and providers about the HEAU.
  6. Provide more consumers with assistance with the appeals and grievance processes.
  7. Generate reports that are required under the grant program.

- **Cracking Down on Unreasonable Insurance Premium Increases** : Maryland

1. **Improve the Review Process** Currently, Maryland conducts prospective actuarial review of all health ins
2. **Increase Transparency and Accessibility** Thousands of health insurance premium filings that exclude
3. **Develop and Upgrade Technology** will improve electronic reporting functions to facilitate the elect

- **Planning and Resources for Health Insurance Exchange** : The nearly \$1 million

1. Utilize the previously established Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council to outline iss
2. Create an information infrastructure plan that assesses existing information systems, identifies gap

3. Develop an outreach and communications strategy for 2011-2014, including market research to guide
4. Fund Maryland-specific studies of public and private health insurance coverage and health care ex
5. Assess current public sector technological capabilities, current private sector technological capabi
6. Determine whether the existing public or private sector capacity could be adapted for online public

- **101 Employers Enrolled in [Early Retiree Reinsurance Program](#)** : The Early [click here](#)
- **Therapeutic Discovery Project Program** [Tax Credits and Grants](#) Care Act – provided \$48,768,48
- **Other Grants Made Available in Maryland:**

1. Tribal, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs (\$1 million)
2. Aging and Disability Resource Centers (\$500,000)
3. Medicare improvements for patients and providers (\$400,000)
4. Strengthen public health infrastructure to improve health outcomes (\$300,000)
5. Build epidemiology, laboratory, and health information systems capacity (\$700,000)
6. HIV Prevention and Public Health Fund activities (\$1.1 million)
7. State Health Care Workforce Development Grants (\$200,000)
8. Primary Care Residency Expansion Program (\$3.8 million)
9. Support capital development in health centers (\$3.3 million)

\* The list is a selection of programs funded by the Affordable Care Act and does not add up to the total A

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