

**WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced prescription drug savings and other benefits that Marylanders are experiencing:**

□ “A new report from the Department of Health and Human Services highlights excellent news for seniors here in Maryland and throughout the country. It announced that Marylanders have saved nearly \$65 million on prescription drugs since the Affordable Care Act was enacted and that Maryland seniors in the ‘donut hole’ have saved an average of \$679 in the first eight months of 2012. Additionally, over 400,000 people with traditional Medicare in Maryland received at least one preventive service at no cost to them this year alone. The report also shows the average person with traditional Medicare in the U.S. will save \$5,000 through 2022 because of new policies in the Affordable Care Act.

“This news confirms that the Affordable Care Act is delivering positive results for seniors and others on Medicare in Maryland and across the country. I’m proud to have fought to strengthen Medicare through the Affordable Care Act, and I will continue working to preserve this critical program so that seniors and others will continue to benefit from lower health care costs.”