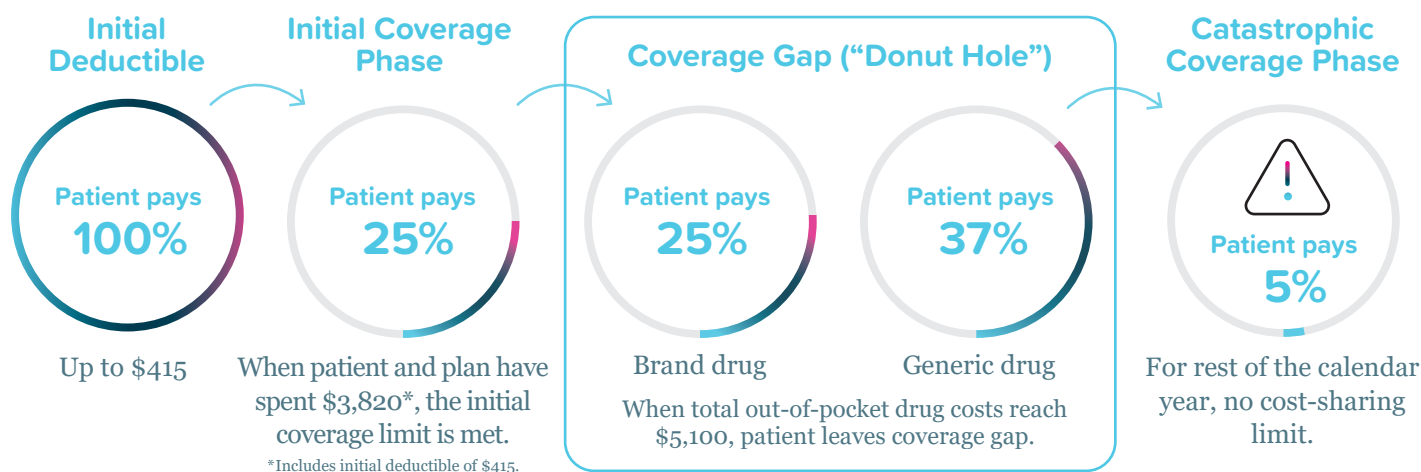


The Importance of Patient Assistance for Medicare Part D Beneficiaries

The Financial Impact 2019: Cost Sharing for Medications Under Medicare Part D



The Consequences Financial Challenges and Reduced Treatment Adherence



Each January, seriously ill patients on specialty medications face **high out-of-pocket costs**.



After paying up to **\$5,100** for their medications, patients **must pay 5%** of the cost for their medication the rest of the year—**often costing thousands of dollars to stay on treatment**.



Patients face **difficult financial decisions** in order to access their medications, like needing to use retirement savings, missing mortgage payments or even forgoing treatment due to cost.

The Strategies Increase Access to Prescription Medications



Spread out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications more evenly throughout the year.



Ensure that all health conditions have at least one effective innovator drug on a fixed co-payment tier.



Place a cap on monthly or annual out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications.