

## Seniors Win with Health Reform

The new health care law guarantees seniors no-cost annual check-ups, free preventative care and other new benefits -- get the facts today!

### Health reform improves Medicare and lowers costs for seniors.

- Seniors will get free yearly check-ups, better prescription drug coverage, and will be freed from co-pays for preventive care like mammograms and colonoscopies.
- In 2010, \$250 checks were automatically sent to seniors who hit the gap in Medicare's prescription drug coverage, known as the "donut hole." This year, seniors in the "donut hole" will get a 50% discount on brand-name prescription drugs.
- The Medicare "donut hole" will be completely eliminated by 2020.

***"My Father died of colon cancer at 70.***

***What a relief to know my colon cancer screening this year was covered.***

***With the new health care law, Medicare will now cover the cost of my yearly check-ups, which makes a big difference on my fixed income.***

***"I was afraid I might lose my doctor. So I asked her. She told me that won't happen.***

***She told me that the new health care law actually helps family doctors like her by giving them more funding and getting rid of confusing paperwork."***

### Health reform gives seniors greater access to doctors and quality care.

- Doctors will have less insurance paperwork to fill out, and more time for you.
- To increase the number of primary care doctors, Medicare will raise their pay and help them pay off costly student loans, a burden that drives many young doctors into high paying specialty care and away from primary care.
- Medicare will offer incentives to doctors and hospitals that improve the quality of care and reduce errors.

**Health reform changes insurance rules so that your family and friends can get and keep good, secure health coverage, including the 32 million Americans who currently lack insurance.**

- Insurance companies will be prohibited from canceling policies or denying coverage because of a pre-existing condition. And, they will no longer be able to place a dollar limit on how much coverage is available to you in your lifetime.
- Insurers will no longer be able to charge higher premiums for women or for those with a history of illness.
- Insurers will now be required to cover physicals and preventive treatments, and allow adult children to remain on their parent's health insurance policy until age 26.

***"Our grandson, Max, was born with asthma. His mother, our daughter, was afraid her family's insurance would refuse to cover him. So we asked our doctor.***

***He told us that the new health care law prevents insurance companies from denying coverage to children due to a pre-existing condition.***

***We were all relieved!"***

***"Finding out that the new health care law requires my Senators and Congressman to get their insurance from the same place I get mine was a great comfort.***

***Finally, we're all in this together!"***

- Insurers will be required to spend more of our premiums on medical care, and less on corporate profits.
- Reform will provide assistance to millions of America's lower-income families and small businesses to afford good health insurance.

**And don't forget....**

- Health reform requires Members of Congress and their staffs to get their health care coverage from the same plans as millions of Americans.

**Learn more about the new health care law at: [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov)  
[www.CuidadodeSalud.gov](http://www.CuidadodeSalud.gov)**

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