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Prescription Resources - The following are just a sample of sources that may be able to help reduce your out of pocket costs for prescriptions. Always remember to ask your doctor if he has any samples that you could use. They receive these all the time from the drug reps that make calls on the doctor's offices.

- **Rxhelpcentersragehcc.com** Go online and fill out inquiry and they will respond within 24 hours on what they can do to reduce your costs ongoing. They will manage your prescriptions through your doctor and ship direct to your door. No cost until you decide their program is what you are looking for.
- **Prescriptionhope.com** Go online and fill out inquiry and they will let you know what additional information is required such as income related paperwork. They will manage your prescriptions through your doctor and ship direct to your door.
- **Goodrx.com** Excellent app on your phone to check costs of prescriptions before you leave the doctor's office. If costs are high you can ask for a generic or lower cost prescription before leaving doctor's office. All you need to do is put in your zip code or location and price and pharmacy will show up. There may be a coupon that you will show to the pharmacist. You will not run this through your insurance with this pricing. Make sure you know what your Part D insurance pays first and if it is a high cost drug. Pharmacist may try to tell you that you have to use your insurance. This is not correct! You don't have to use your Insurance!!
- **Rxcut.com** Check out their website and you will find their costs and list of drugs.
- **Healthwell Foundation.com** Grants are available with on line applications and a list of medications is on line.
- **Needy meds.com** is a national non-profit that provides information on resources that help people who can't afford their medications and healthcare costs, to offer this free drug discount card. There is a list of diseases that they assist with medications.
- **Lilly Patient Assistance Program** Answer questions to see if you qualify for assistance direct from manufacturer.
- **Global Pharmacy.com** Website for Canadian pharmacy prices. Shipping costs paid by person ordering.

- **Myrxadvocate.com** Prescription assistance for person making less than \$42,000.

Medicare Donut Hole 2017 - Out-of-Pocket Threshold: will increase from \$4,850 in 2016 to \$4,950 in 2017. Coverage Gap (donut hole): begins once you reach your Medicare Part D plan's initial coverage limit (\$3,700 in 2017) and ends when you spend a total of \$4,950 in 2017.

After passing this out-of-pocket spending threshold, a member is usually only responsible for about 5 percent of his prescription drug costs. Some Medicare Part D plans do offer coverage in the donut hole, but they typically charge higher premiums. GE has said they will help when you reach donut hole. The help should be done through One Exchange when you get into the catastrophic stage. Call them on 1-855-873-0103.

Medicare Assignment versus Medicare Accepted – Assignment means your doctor, provider or supplier agrees (or is required by law) to accept the Medicare-approved amount as full payment for covered services. Non-participating providers haven't signed an agreement to accept assignment for all Medicare-covered services, but they can still choose to accept assignment for individual service. These providers are called, "non-participating". They can charge you more than the Medicare-approved amount, but there's a limit called "the limiting charge". The provider can only charge you up to 15%. The limiting charge applies only to certain Medicare-covered services and doesn't apply to some supplies and durable medical equipment.