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Drug Prices Rising

Participants in the new Medicare drug plan may be in for a big shock. Many of us will reach the "doughnut hole," with no coverage at all, much sooner than we think.

Now that the plan is in full swing, the drug companies appear to be raising their prices in unison. Between mid-April and mid-May, the retail prices of four prescriptions I use increased sharply. Three went up 10 percent or more. This is outrageous, and should be looked into immediately.

Who is supposed to benefit from Medicare: the drug companies or enrollees? I am a constituent of Rep. Nancy Johnson, an architect of this program. She owes us an explanation and a thorough investigation.

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