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But Then Voted Against Allowing Drug Price Negotiations In Medicare Part D

2007: Culberson Voted Against Allowing Drug Price Negotiations In Medicare Part D. In November 2003, Culberson voted against “Passage of the bill that would require the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department to negotiate with drug companies the prices of drugs covered under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program. It also would specify that the bill should not be construed to authorize HHS to establish or require a particular formulary.” The bill passed by a vote of 255-170. [HR4, [Vote #23](#), 1/12/07; CQ, [1/12/07](#)]

Culberson Voted 19 Times To Reopen The Medicare Donut Hole, Costing Seniors Thousands More In Out-Of-Pocket Prescription Costs

Culberson Voted 19 Times To Repeal The Affordable Care Act. [HR 2, [Vote #14](#), 1/19/11; H Con Res 34, [Vote #275](#), 4/15/11; H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11; H Con Res 112, [Vote #149](#), 3/29/12; H Con Res 112, [Vote #151](#), 3/29/12; HR 6079, [Vote #460](#), 7/11/12; H Con Res 25, [Vote #86](#), 3/20/13; H Con Res 25, [Vote #88](#), 3/21/13; HR 45, [Vote #154](#), 5/16/13; H Con Res 96, [Vote #175](#), 4/10/14; H Con Res 96, [Vote #177](#), 4/10/14; HR 596, [Vote #58](#), 2/3/15; H. Con Res. 27, [Vote #141](#), 3/25/15; H. Con Res. 27, [Vote #142](#), 3/25/15; S Con Res 11, [Vote #183](#), 4/30/15; HR 3762, [Vote #568](#), 10/23/15; HR 3762, [Vote #6](#), 1/6/16; HR 3762, [Vote #53](#), 2/2/16; S Con Res 3, [Vote #58](#), 1/13/17]

HHS: Under The ACA, Which Closed The Medicare Part D “Donut Hole,” Nearly 12 Million Seniors Saved Over \$26 Billion On Prescription Drugs From 2010 To 2017. “The Department of Health and Human Services released today new information that shows that millions of seniors and people with disabilities with Medicare continue to save on prescription drugs and see improved benefits in 2016 as a result of the Affordable Care Act. More than 11.8 million Medicare beneficiaries

have received discounts over \$26.8 billion on prescription drugs – an average of \$2,272 per beneficiary – since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act. In 2016 alone, over 4.9 million seniors and people with disabilities received discounts of over \$5.6 billion, for an average of \$1,149 per beneficiary. This is an increase in savings compared to the 2015 information released this time last year, when 5.2 million Medicare beneficiaries received discounts of \$5.4 billion, for an average of \$1,054 per beneficiary.” [Department of Health and Human Services, press release, [1/13/17](#)]

HHS: The ACA Closed The Medicare Part D “Donut Hole,” Allowing Seniors To Receive Rebates And Discounts On Prescription Drugs. “The Affordable Care Act makes Medicare prescription drug coverage more affordable by gradually closing the gap in coverage during which beneficiaries had to pay the full cost of their prescriptions out of pocket, after hitting their initial coverage limit, and before catastrophic coverage for prescriptions took effect. The gap is known as the donut hole. Because of the Affordable Care Act, the donut hole has been narrowing each year, and will be closed by 2020. Because of the health care law, in 2010, anyone with a Medicare prescription drug plan who reached the prescription drug donut hole received a \$250 rebate. In 2011, beneficiaries in the donut hole began receiving discounts and savings on covered brand-name and generic drugs. People with Medicare Part D who are in the donut hole in 2017 will receive discounts and savings of 60 percent on the cost of brand name drugs and 49 percent on the cost of generic drugs.” [Department of Health and Human Services, press release, [1/13/17](#)]