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The benefits of health care reform in each Colorado congressional district

The House committee on Energy and Commerce last week issued an analysis showing the benefits of health care reform in all 435 congressional districts. On the next page, a table offers key points of that analysis for Colorado's seven congressional districts, including the estimated number of people affected by the main provisions.

One of the biggest benefits is eliminating the "donut hole" in Medicare drug coverage. Under previous policy, Medicare covered only a certain amount, and then there was a big gap where patients had to pay all the cost, and then Medicare came and paid the remainder. The policy created a big problem for seniors, leaving many thousands of them without complete prescription drug coverage.

Other elements of reform provide for tax credits, improved coverage and new insurance for people who currently have no coverage. In all, the benefits will touch huge numbers of Coloradans in every part of the state.

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Number of people affected by key provisions of health reform in each Colorado congressional district

Colorado congressional district and current representative	Eliminate “donut hole” (Number today who enter the donut hole each year)	Tax credits and other assistance to families	Improved coverage for those with insurance (i.e. no pre-existing condition exclusions, no lifetime caps, no rescission)	Tax credits and other assistance to small business	Young adults who can get coverage through parents’ plan	Covering the uninsured
1 – DeGette	8,800	181,000	365,000	21,600	52,000	104,500
2 – Polis	7,500	145,000	505,000	22,300	65,000	64,500
3 – Salazar	9,100	184,000	362,000	24,400	57,000	105,500
4 – Markey	8,700	170,000	464,000	18,900	70,000	69,000
5 – Lamborn	6,400	152,000	457,000	17,800	61,000	67,000
6 – Coffman	9,100	111,000	610,000	20,500	51,000	20,500
7 – Perlmutter	10,000	160,000	396,000	17,500	58,000	94,000
Total	59,600	1,103,000	3,159,000	143,000	414,000	525,000