WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) announced that today, Medicare will begin mailing out to tens of thousands of seniors $250 'donut hole' checks in compliance with the new health reform law.

"This is the beginning of the end of the horrible policy that forced many seniors to choose between buying medicine and putting food on the table," Wilson said.

These checks will continue to be mailed monthly over the next several months as seniors enter the coverage gap. Beginning in January 2011, seniors in the donut hole will receive a 50% discount on brand name drugs, and by 2020, the donut hole will be completely closed.

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