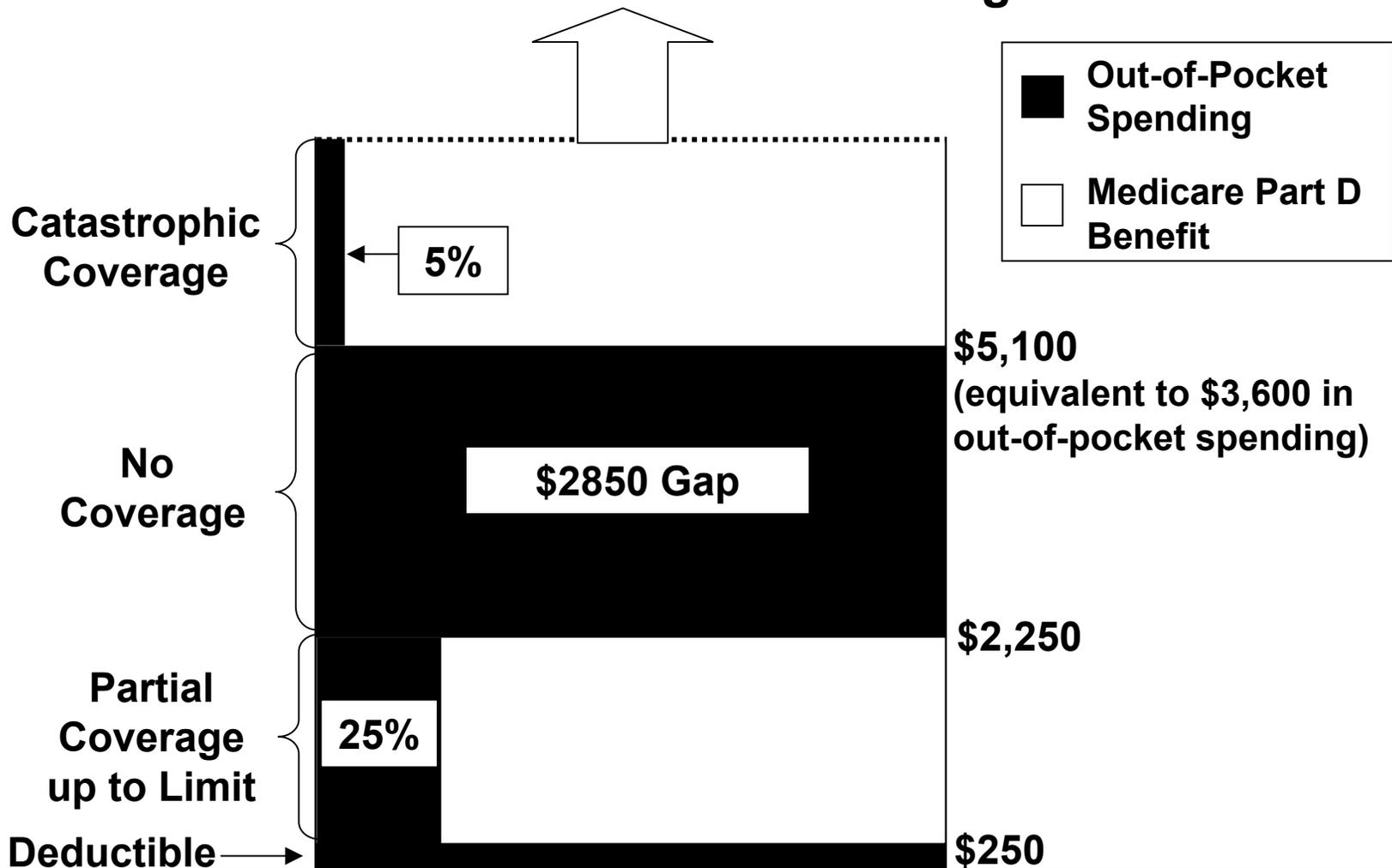


# Out-of-Pocket Drug Spending in 2006 for Medicare Beneficiaries Under New Medicare Legislation



**New Medicare Legislation**  
+ ~\$420 in annual premiums

Note: Benefit levels are indexed to growth in per capita expenditures for covered Part D drugs. As a result, the Part D deductible is projected to increase from \$250 in 2006 to \$445 in 2013; the catastrophic threshold is projected to increase from \$5,100 in 2006 to \$9,066 in 2013.