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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2017 **HO Memo # 17-08**

TO: Health Officers
CRF CPEST Program Directors, Coordinators and Staff
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FROM: Maria-Theresa C. Okafor, PhD, MCG
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THROUGH: Anna McCreery, MPH
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RE: **CRF-CPEST Colorectal Cancer Benchmarks for 2nd Quarter, FY17**

Enclosed is the **statewide** Colorectal Cancer Benchmarks Report for the **second quarter of Fiscal Year 2017** (FY17). This reflects Cancer Client Database (CDB) data from 10/1/2016 through 12/31/2016, as run on 03/31/2017.

Statewide, in the second quarter, four of seven colorectal cancer benchmarks were met, and three benchmarks were not measureable because there were no adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma diagnosed that met CPEST benchmark criteria.

A Program-specific Colorectal Cancer Benchmarks Report and CRC Benchmarks Quality Assurance Review will be sent electronically to each CRF-CPEST Program Director and/or Coordinator, under separate cover.

CRF-CPEST Programs should:

- Review the Colorectal Cancer Benchmarks Report and CRC Benchmarks Quality Assurance Review
- Address any data issues cited in the CRC Benchmarks Quality Assurance Review, complete the action plan section of the review, and email the completed review by **05/15/2017** to maria-theresa.okafor@maryland.gov and CC: joann.johnston@maryland.gov, cindy.domingo@maryland.gov, and their CRF-CPEST technical lead.
- Review local policies/procedures in order to improve processes related to benchmarks, if needed.

The Surveillance and Evaluation Unit will contact the Program Directors and/or Coordinators directly if it has any questions about program-specific benchmark data. If you have any questions about the benchmark data, please contact me at: maria-theresa.okafor@maryland.gov or 410-767-2616.

Attachments (e-mailed to Health Officers, CRF-CPEST Program Directors/Coordinators)

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