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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

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Dear Colleague,

Maryland has seen another year of accomplishments in Colorectal Cancer (CRC) screening. Since its inception in 2001, Maryland programs funded by the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) Cancer Prevention, Screening, Education, and Treatment (CPEST) Program have screened a total of 33,986 low-income, uninsured or under-insured clients for CRC using any screening method, and of these, 26,705 were colonoscopies. In total, of those screened for CRC, 52% of CPEST clients were minorities and 33% were men. **The continued CRC screening of the medically underserved in Maryland would not be possible without your commitment, dedication, and hard work.**

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is **evaluating the quality of colonoscopies funded by CRF CPEST** again this year, by examining the following measures for Providers contracted with the CPEST Program: (1) percent of colonoscopies with adequate bowel prep, (2) ability to reach the cecum, (3) biopsy rates, and (4) neoplasia detection rates. In accordance with your most recent CPEST contract(s), your local program is providing you with **reports** on the colonoscopies you have performed for the CPEST Program during the time period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. This information will be especially valuable to those of you who have performed many colonoscopies in the CPEST Program, because the measures might be representative of your greater practice. Your individual reports will enable you to compare your quality measures to quality measures from Providers across Maryland who have performed at least 30 colonoscopies in the program and to national biopsy and neoplasia detection rates. The report also captures the percent of colonoscopies with missing adenoma size. Information in this report has only been shared between you and your local program, and has not been shared with patients.

We hope you find this information interesting and helpful. Many thanks again for your role in Maryland's success in CRC screening. Should you need assistance, please contact your local health department program.

Sincerely,



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