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

HEALTH OFFICER MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2015   **HO Memo #15-23**

TO: Health Officers
                   CRF Cancer Program Directors, Coordinators and Staff
                   SAHC CRF Program Directors, Coordinators, and Staff

FROM: Maria-Theresa C. Okafor, PhD, MCG, Program Manager
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RE: **CRF-CPEST Client Database (CDB) Benchmarks; 4th Quarter, FY15**

Please find attached, **statewide** benchmarks data for the **fourth quarter** of Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) for colorectal cancer. This reflects Client Database (CDB) data from 04/01/2015 through 06/30/2015, as run on 10/01/2015. **Jurisdiction-specific benchmark data will be sent electronically to your CRF/CPEST Program Director/Coordinator.**

CPEST Programs should:
- Review the report
- Correct and/or enter data in the CDB where needed and appropriate
- Document any issues in the CDB
- Review local policies/procedures in order to improve processes related to benchmarks, if needed.

Statewide, in the fourth quarter, four colorectal cancer benchmarks were met and three benchmarks were not measureable because there were no adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma diagnosed meeting CPEST benchmark criteria. Should the DHMH-Surveillance and Evaluation Unit have any questions about jurisdiction-specific benchmark data, CRF/CPEST Program Directors/Coordinators will be contacted directly. 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, CPEST Program Directors)

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