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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 14, 2017 H.O. Memo # 17-07

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

**FROM:** Maria-Theresa C. Okafor, PhD, MCG  
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**THROUGH:** Anna McCreery, MPH  
Director, Cancer and Chronic Disease Bureau

**RE:** **2016 Colonoscopy Feedback Report**

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The Surveillance and Evaluation Unit has prepared the 2016 Colonoscopy Feedback Report for the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) Cancer Prevention, Screening, Education, and Treatment (CPEST) Program for dissemination to local programs and providers.

The Report has three sub-reports for the time period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016: All Provider, Individual Provider, and (where applicable) the Multi-Program sub-reports. The All Provider Report is enclosed for your convenience (see Attachment 1). The Individual Provider and Multi-Program Reports, which contain sensitive **colonoscopy data for providers performing CPEST colonoscopies**, will be sent as hard copies to each local program, via interdepartmental mail.

The information contained in the Colonoscopy Feedback Report has been derived from data entered by local programs into the Cancer Client Database (CDB). If a Provider is contracted with more than one program, a Multi-Program Report has been generated and contains data on all colonoscopies performed by that Provider for all programs they are contracted with. This Multi-Program Report will be **shared with each local program** that holds a contract with that Provider, so you are asked to work with your neighboring programs to coordinate plans for sharing the Multi-Program Report with Providers contracted with more than one program.

We are also including the following attachments:

1. The statewide All Provider Report with numbers and results for colonoscopies performed from **January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016** (Attachment 1);
2. A description that explains the Colonoscopy Feedback Report (Attachment 2).
3. A ‘Dear Colleague’ letter signed by Dr. Stanley Watkins, Chairman, Colorectal Cancer Medical Advisory Committee, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene—for your use when you give the reports to your providers (Attachment 3).
4. A modifiable template letter from you to accompany the reports you send to providers—for your optional use (Attachment 4).

Per stipulations of Provider contracts for 2016, each local program should share this information with their Providers. Please also consider the sensitivity of the information provided in the Colonoscopy Feedback Report and handle appropriately.

Upon receipt of the Colonoscopy Feedback Report, we ask that you do the following:

- Review the Colonoscopy Feedback Report **for each Provider** who has performed one or more colonoscopies between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.
- Give each Provider:
  1. A copy of the ‘Dear Colleague’ letter and/or a letter from you or your program explaining the information;
  2. A copy of the statewide All Provider Report; and
  3. A copy of the individual Provider’s Colonoscopy Feedback Report.
- For Providers who serve more than one program, please decide which program will contact the Provider with the results—or whether each program will contact the provider directly.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Dr. Maria-Theresa Okafor at [maria-theresa.okafor@maryland.gov](mailto:maria-theresa.okafor@maryland.gov) or call 410-767-2616.

Attachments (e-mailed to Health Officers and CRF program staff; packets of Colonoscopy Feedback Reports mailed to CRF/CPEST Coordinators)

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