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Dear PATIENT FIRST PATIENT LAST,

In reviewing your medical record, it seems that you are due to be screened for colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer (CRC) is cancer of the colon and rectum, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Maryland. As you may know, it is recommended that women and men of average risk over 50 years of age be screened for CRC. It’s important to detect cancer early, when treatment works best, by having screenings at the right times during your life.

Please contact my office to learn more about CRC screening options. One option, colonoscopy, usually only needs to be completed once every 10 years. People at higher risk for CRC may need to get screened more often.

**Many health insurance companies pay for screening, including Medical Assistance. If you do not have insurance, other resources may be available to assist in paying for CRC screening.** **Call my office today to see if you need to schedule your CRC screening.** If you have already been screened, please share this information with a friend or family member.

Now is the perfect time to take charge of your health. This first step will help ensure you can enjoy life for many years to come. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

PHYSICIAN NAME