

FIGHT COLORECTAL CANCER

STATE ISSUE BRIEF: FOLLOW-UP COLONOSCOPY



No out-of-pocket costs for the full continuum of colorectal cancer screening!



Fight CRC believes that the best test is the one that gets done. While colonoscopy is often considered to be the gold standard in colorectal cancer screening, there are also several non-invasive, at-home tests that also serve as good options:

- High sensitivity guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (hs-gFOBT)
- Fecal immunochemical tests (FIT)
- Multitarget stool DNA test (i.e., Cologuard).

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

For many patients, a non-invasive test isn't the end of the screening process. If you receive a positive result from a non-invasive colorectal cancer screening test, it is critical that you undergo a follow-up colonoscopy to complete the colorectal cancer screening process.

Unfortunately, many patients face out-of-pocket costs due to the follow-up colonoscopy which creates a barrier to completing the screening process.

HOW CAN I TACKLE THIS IN MY STATE?

- Check out Fight CRC's [state fact sheets](#) to find out what policies your state has on colorectal cancer screening.
- Visit our [action center](#) to complete any active action alerts in your state on this issue
- Fight CRC's [Catalyst State-by-State Advocacy Program](#) works with state coalitions to advance policy to ensure colonoscopy following a positive non-invasive test is covered without out-of-pocket costs.



Find out how to take action in your state at
[FightCRC.org/Advocacy](https://fightcancer.org/advocacy)

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