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CDC'S COLORECTAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM (CRCCP)

ASK: Support \$51 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) in the FY24 Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bills.

What Is the CRCCP?



The CRCCP focuses on increasing colorectal cancer screening among people ages 45 to 75, particularly in underserved communities.



The CRCCP funds 35 programs that operate across 32 states providing grants to states, universities, tribal organizations, and others. From 2015–2020 the CRCCP worked with over 800 clinics across the U.S. to serve over 1.3 million patients.



The program uses evidence-based interventions that have been proven effective for increasing colorectal cancer screening including:

- Implementing a system to remind both medical professionals and patients that it is time for screening;
- Making it easier for patients to get screened by providing transportation and childcare, extending clinic hours, simplifying paperwork, and offering patient navigators to help patients through the screening process;
- Offering multiple screening options approved by the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)

Why This Is Important



The program increased screening rates by an average of 12.3% in the first four years, saving money and saving lives.



Increasing funding would allow CDC to fund additional grantees and enable more widespread implementation of evidence-based interventions to increase screening rates among the nation's most vulnerable populations.



The CRCCP uses data to determine whether the program increases screening, and if so, by how much, where and for which groups.

The increase of nearly \$7 million will allow the CDC to screen more people in underserved communities for colorectal cancer and ultimately save lives through prevention and early detection.