## FIGHT CRC POLICY PRIORITIES

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S (CDC)
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 FY25 Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bills.

## Why We Need to Increase Funding:

- There are approximately 44 million people in the U.S. that are eligible for colorectal cancer screening and as many as 1 in 3 are not up-to-date on screening.
- Despite the program's success, it has not seen steady increases, making it difficult to keep up with inflation and expand to additional communities in need.
- S CRCCP granteees increased screening rates by an average of 12.3% in the first four years, saving money and saving lives.
- Preventing colorectal cancer saves lives and money.

## What Is the CRCCP?

- The CRCCP is a colorectal cancer screening program operated by the CDC which focuses on increasing screening rates among people ages 45 to 75, particularly in underserved communities.
- The CRCCP funds 35 programs through state health departments, universities, and tribal organizations in 32 states. From 2015–2020 the CRCCP worked with over 800 clinics across the U.S. to serve over 1.3 million patients.
- The CRCCP uses strategies 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 safe and effective colorectal cancer screening options.

## **CRCCP Award Recipients**

