

# SUPPORT COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

## THE ASK

SUPPORT \$51 MILLION FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COLORECTAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM (CRCCP) IN THE FY27 LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS BILLS.

COLORECTAL CANCER IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH FOR MEN AND WOMEN OVERALL AND IT IS NOW THE #1 CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH FOR MEN AND WOMEN UNDER AGE 50<sup>1</sup>

## COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING SAVES LIVES

- Colorectal cancer is one of the only preventable cancers and is highly treatable when caught early, yet more than **1 in 4 people in the U.S.** are not up to date on colorectal cancer screening<sup>2</sup>.
- Increasing colorectal cancer screening rates by just **10%** could reduce colorectal cancer-related deaths by **18-21%**<sup>3</sup>.

## WHAT IS THE COLORECTAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM (CRCCP)?

The **CRCCP** is a colorectal cancer screening program operated by the CDC which uses evidence-based interventions to increase screening rates among people ages 45 to 75, particularly in rural or medically underserved communities.

The CRCCP funds **38 programs** through state health departments, universities and tribal organizations in 36 states.

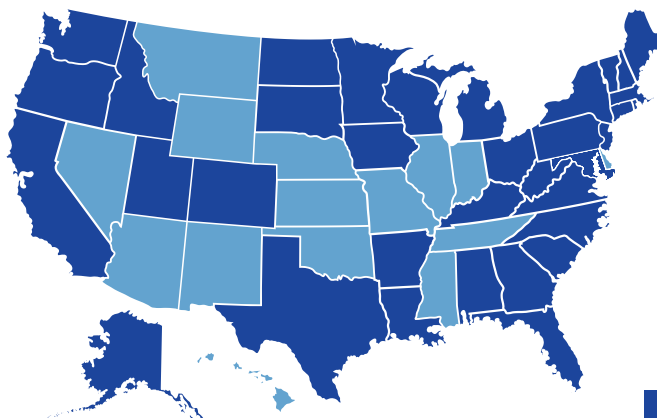
## COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING SAVES MONEY

- Colorectal cancer accounts for **11.6%** of all cancer treatment costs in the U.S. **\$24.3 billion** in 2020<sup>4</sup>.
- Increasing CRC screening rates by 10 percentage points among those 50 to 64 years old could reduce Medicare spending by **\$14 billion** by the year 2050<sup>5</sup>.

## WHY DO WE NEED TO INCREASE FUNDING?

- The **CRCCP** increases CRC screening, saving money and lives, but many years of level funding has made it difficult for grantees to keep up with inflation to continue providing the same level service or expand to additional communities in need.
- In 2025, the CRCCP expanded from **35 to 38 grantees** without an increase in funding. As a result, many grantees received less funding than in previous years, further limiting capacity for screening.

## CRCCP AWARD RECIPIENTS (IN NAVY)



States that received a CRCCP Award

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