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Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second-leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. among men and women combined. There will be an estimated 135,430 cases and 50,260 deaths in 2017. One in 20 people will be diagnosed in their lifetime. Currently there is no cure for CRC that has spread to other organs (late stage); however, CRC can be prevented with screening and if detected in early stages, most patients can be cured by surgery, radiation and/or chemotherapy.

Fight Colorectal Cancer is the leading advocacy voice for over 1.2 million colorectal cancer survivors. We ensure the fight against colorectal cancer is a priority among our congressional leaders. As a community, we stand united fighting for prevention services, access to care and research funding.

We need your support for the following legislative priorities:

Remove Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Correct a loophole in current Medicare policy requiring Medicare beneficiaries to pay co-insurance if polyps are detected and removed during a screening colonoscopy (HR 1017 /S).
- Protect 100% insurance coverage for CRC screening in the ACA replacement legislation.
- Appropriate \$70 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) to provide states with the necessary funding to increase colorectal cancer screening rates in all 50 states.

Invest in Colorectal Cancer Research

- Appropriate funding for 21st Century Cures as part of the FY 2017 federal budget and increase funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to \$34.5 billion, including \$5.9 billion for the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for FY 2017.
- Continue supporting the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) and fund the DoD Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) at \$60 million for FY 2017. Ensure CRC research continues to be included as eligible for funding under this program.

Protect the Best Interest of Patients

- Protect the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) ban on pre-existing condition limitations, elimination of annual and lifetime coverage caps and maintain coverage of screening services and guaranteed renewability.



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