

STOP MEDICARE COLONOSCOPY CUTS

MEDICARE PATIENTS: Stop cuts that put access to colorectal screening and prevention at risk



STARTING JANUARY 2016, Medicare bureaucrats plan to cut doctors' reimbursement for colonoscopy. The stakes are high for Medicare patients and public health. The American College of Gastroenterology is fighting on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries and physicians on the front lines of screening and prevention for colorectal cancer.

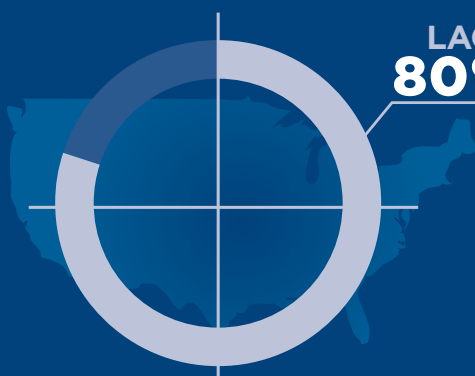
MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES ARE...

HIGH RISK *and HIT HARDER by*
COLORECTAL CANCER
based on age

AND ACCOUNT FOR **2**
OF ALL NEW CASES OF **3**
COLORECTAL CANCER

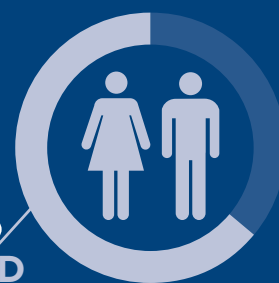


COLORECTAL SCREENING *for* the **MEDICARE-AGED POPULATION...**



LAGS BEHIND *the*
80% TARGET
set FOR 2018

ONLY 64%
GET SCREENED



CUTS COULD MAKE IT WORSE

COLORECTAL CANCER PREVENTION *Is a public health* **SUCCESS STORY**

**OVERALL
DEATH RATES**
DROPPED and...

**INCIDENCE RATES
DROPPED OVER 30%**
in the PAST DECADE

THANKS TO COLONOSCOPY

TAKE ACTION:

**URGE CONGRESS to
STOP COLONOSCOPY CUTS**



Support Colonoscopy
Screening Petition

*Source: American Cancer Society: "Colorectal Cancer Fact & Figures 2014-2016" According to ACS, "the large declines over the past decade have largely been attributed to the detection and removal of precancerous polyps as a result of increased colorectal cancer screening."