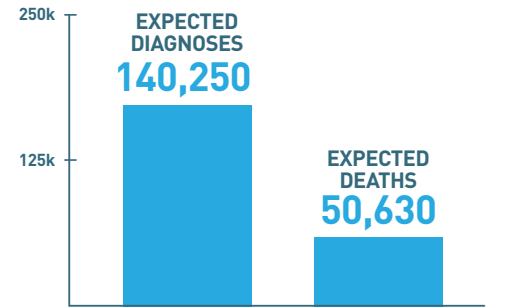


Remove Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening

**COLORECTAL
CANCER COSTS
TOO MUCH**



cost of colorectal cancer to
the U.S. healthcare system in 2012¹



COLORECTAL CANCER IN 2018²

SCREENING IS KEY

90% SURVIVAL RATE
WHEN CANCER IS FOUND
AND TREATED EARLY³

23 Million PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN
SCREENED AS
RECOMMENDED⁴

60% OF DEATHS
COULD BE AVOIDED
WITH SCREENING⁴

**BUT MEDICARE
PATIENTS FACE
UNFAIR FEES**



If a polyp is removed during a colonoscopy screening, seniors face paying high coinsurance fees because the billing code changes under current Medicare policies.

Under the ACA, private health plans can't impose cost sharing when a polyp is removed.⁵ This policy should also apply to Medicare.

WHAT CAN CONGRESS DO?

**COSPONSOR AND PASS THE REMOVING BARRIERS TO
COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING ACT (S. 479, H.R. 1017)**



Reduce the financial burden on patients by covering the cost of colorectal cancer screening and polyp removal under Medicare part B



Increase colonoscopy screening rates among the Medicare population – especially among men with lower income and levels of education



Senate	House
25 Democrats	137 Democrats
15 Republicans	109 Republicans
1 Independent	

For more information on removing barriers to colorectal cancer screening, visit
www.dhpassociation.org/colonoscopy-bills

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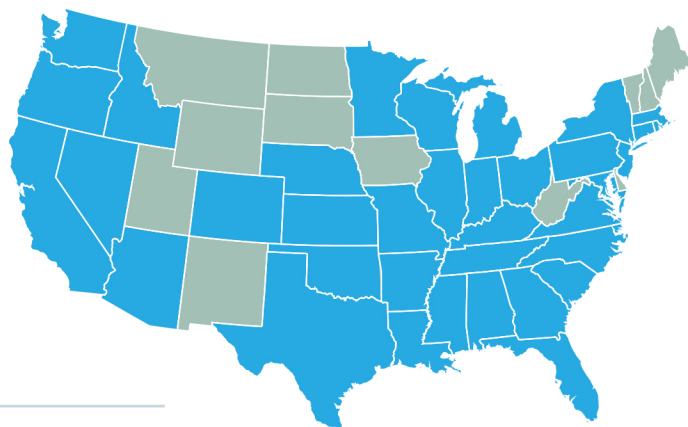
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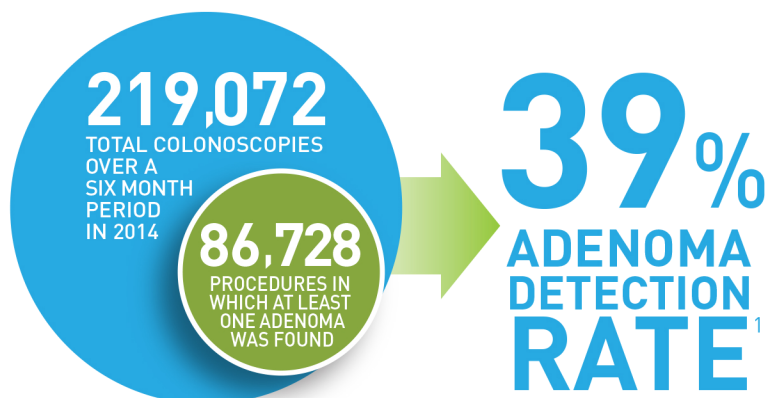
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11,000+ EMPLOYEES



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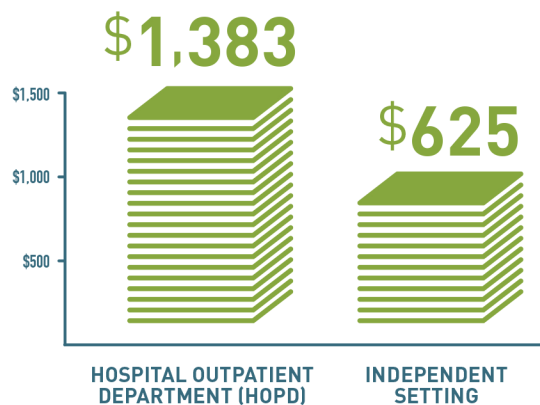
ON AVERAGE MEDICARE
REIMBURSES HOPDs ALMOST

**2X THE
RATE**

FOR THE SAME PROCEDURES
DONE IN AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS²

EXAMPLE OF
HOPD/ASC COST
COMPARISON

AVERAGE MEDICARE
FACILITY PAYMENT
FOR A BASIC
COLONOSCOPY³



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