

**CHAPTER 119**  
**( SCR 176 )**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, to continue to improve the provision of colorectal cancer screening services to Kentucky Medicaid recipients.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site, of cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, and it is the leading cause of cancer deaths among nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 140,250 new cases of colorectal cancer and 50,630 deaths from colorectal cancer in the United States in 2018; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent data from the CDC Web site, Kentucky has the highest rate of colorectal cancer incidence in the United States and the fifth highest rate of colorectal cancer deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) is a well-respected and nationally recognized independent, volunteer panel of experts appointed by the United States Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to make evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services, such as screenings, counseling services, and preventive medications; and

WHEREAS, the USPSTF recommends periodic colorectal cancer screening for adults to reduce mortality from colorectal cancer, beginning at age 50 and continuing to age 75; and

WHEREAS, the USPSTF states that using any of the following three screening regimens will be effective at reducing mortality from colorectal cancer: (1) annual high-sensitivity fecal occult blood testing; (2) sigmoidoscopy every five years combined with high-sensitivity fecal occult blood testing every three years; and (3) screening colonoscopy every ten years; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening has contributed to a decrease in colorectal cancer death rates by 34 percent among individuals in the United States age 50 and over during 2000 through 2014; and

WHEREAS, according to 2016 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey data from the CDC, 70.1 percent of Kentucky's citizens over the age of 50 were screened for colorectal cancer within the recommended timeframes; and

WHEREAS, an initiative led by the American Cancer Society, the CDC, and the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable strives to achieve an 80 percent screening rate for adults over the age of 50 by 2018; and

WHEREAS, for the years spanning from 2005 to 2013, the United States Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission found data showing that adults with Medicaid coverage reported lower rates of colorectal cancer screening than adults covered by private insurance, regardless of income level; and

WHEREAS, according to the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program Advisory Committee's 2013-14 Annual Report, people covered by Kentucky Medicaid with a primary diagnosis of colorectal cancer and with any diagnosis and colorectal cancer accounted for 516 total hospital admissions in 2013, with total charges of \$30,879,111. There were 2,905 colonoscopies reported as covered by Kentucky Medicaid in 2013, with total charges of \$16,077,003; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 External Quality Review Technical Report published by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, the provision of colorectal cancer screening services to Medicaid recipients is one of six health care areas targeted for improvement by the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly thanks the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), for its work in seeking to improve the provision of colorectal cancer screening services to Medicaid recipients.

## ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

➔Section 2. The General Assembly respectfully urges DMS to continue to work towards improving the provision of colorectal cancer screening services to Medicaid recipients, which should include achieving an 80 percent colorectal cancer screening rate for Kentucky Medicaid recipients over the age of 50 and holding Medicaid managed care organizations accountable for achieving this goal.

➔Section 3. The General Assembly respectfully urges DMS to ensure that all colorectal cancer screening services criteria for Medicaid managed care programs align, at a minimum, with USPSTF guidelines for reducing mortality from colorectal cancer.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 275 E. Main Street, 5W-A, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621.

**Signed by Governor April 10, 2018.**