

# Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program

## **FREE COLONOSCOPY SCREENING**

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Kentucky. For many people, cost is a significant barrier to screening for colon cancer. The Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program (KCCSP) is providing funding for **free colonoscopy screening** to eligible Kentucky residents who are uninsured or underinsured. KCCSP is partnering with the Kentucky Cancer Program and Kentucky CancerLink, to promote and provide education about these **free services** to the general public.

## **WHY IS SCREENING IMPORTANT?**

It is important because there are usually NO SYMPTOMS at first. The American Cancer Society recommends that people of average risk, begin talking to their doctor about screening at age 45.

People may be at increased risk if:

- they have had colon cancer, or pre-cancerous polyps;
- have a family history of colon cancer;
- have Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis;
- or have certain hereditary conditions.

People in these situations should talk with their doctor about screening at an earlier age and more frequently.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Kentucky residents aged 45-75, and:

- ✓ Individual income at or below \$37,470
- ✓ No public/private health insurance
- ✓ High out of pocket deductibles greater than 5% of individual annual income
- ✓ Need follow-up screening after a positive stool test

People younger than age 45 **may** qualify if they are at increased risk for developing colorectal cancer.

**To learn more about the program or make a referral, contact one of the participating sites below:**

**Big Sandy Healthcare** .....606-886-8546 Martin, Magoffin, Floyd, Pike, and Johnson Counties

**Little Flower Clinic** .....606-487-9505 Perry, Knott, Letcher, Breathitt, Leslie, and Harlan Counties

**Ohio County Healthcare** .....270-504-1370 Ohio, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Union, Webster, Butler, Grayson, and Muhlenberg Counties

**Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services**.....270-388-0620 Livingston, Lyon, and Crittenden Counties

**Community Medical Clinic** .....270-365 0227 Caldwell, Christian, Todd, and Trigg Counties

**Kentucky CancerLink** .....877-597-4655 For individuals who live outside of these areas

