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**Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund
Cancer Prevention, Education,
Screening and Treatment Program**

**Lung Cancer
Medical Advisory Committee**

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Dear Participating Provider:

Thank you for participating in the Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening and Treatment (CRF CPEST) Program which was established to reduce cancer incidence and mortality in Maryland, and which provides no cost lung cancer screening. As lung cancer is one of the seven targeted cancers under the CRF CPEST Program, the Lung Cancer Program seeks to increase lung cancer screening rates among low-income, uninsured or underinsured individuals statewide and, in some instances, to also provide funding for diagnostic and treatment services. When further diagnostic or treatment services for eligible clients screened through CRF CPEST Program are not available, clients will be linked to appropriate programs for care.

We are pleased to enclose the updated “Minimal Clinical Elements for Lung Cancer Detection and Diagnosis” developed by the Medical Advisory Committee for the CRF CPEST Program. The Minimal Clinical Elements will serve as guidelines for the management of individuals receiving lung cancer screening and diagnosis services through the CRF CPEST Program.

In the past, program criteria for screening necessitated that individuals be current smokers or quit smoking in the past 15 years. To align with the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), the ‘years since quit’ eligibility criteria has been removed from the Minimal Clinical Elements.

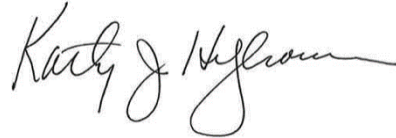
We appreciate your cooperation in using the new guidelines during your care of CRF CPEST clients. If you have any questions regarding the updated “Minimal Clinical Elements for Lung Cancer Detection and Diagnosis” for the CRF CPEST Program, please contact Sadie Peters, M.A., M.D., M.H.S., Medical Director of the Maryland Department of Health Center for Cancer Prevention and Control at 410-371-3901 or Sadie.Peters@maryland.gov or

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Sincerely,



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