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RE: CDC NPCR Registry of Distinction

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize your State cancer registry as a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) Registry of Distinction.

This achievement indicates that your State cancer registry met the CDC NPCR National Data Completeness and Quality Standard. Of the 50 cancer registries supported by CDC, your state is one of 40 who achieved this designation for the most recent data submission, indicating the high-quality data available for cancer prevention and control activities at the local, regional, and national levels. The attached table provides the criteria required to be recognized as meeting NPCR Standards. All standards are set at a level that is indicative of complete, timely, and quality data available for cancer control activities addressing the burden on U.S. citizens.

Meeting these standards also allows your State's data to be included in this year's [U. S. Cancer Statistics](#) (USCS) report and other analytic data sets.

The achievement of NPCR Standards exemplifies the progress achieved in creating a national system of cancer surveillance. We commend all who are involved in the collection, analysis, and reporting of cancer incidence and mortality data. Regional- and State-level data can be used to plan and evaluate cancer control programs, conduct research, and monitor cancer trends. Each central cancer registry is crucial to the success of cancer surveillance in the United States. Many advances in cancer surveillance in the United States would have been impossible without the tireless efforts and many achievements of these organizations.

A certificate identifying your State cancer registry as a Registry of Distinction is enclosed. Congratulations on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for your commitment to high-quality cancer surveillance.



NPCR National Data Quality Standards

Standards	Percent Case Completeness Adjusted for Duplicates	Unresolved Duplicates Rate (per 1,000)	Percent Death Certificate Only Cases	Percent Missing or Unknown Age	Percent Missing or Unknown Sex	Percent Missing or Unknown Race	Percent Missing or Unknown County	Percent Passing Core Single and Inter-field Edits
NPCR Advanced National Data Quality and Completeness Standard (previously 12-month standard)	90.00	<=2	N/A	<=3	<=3	<=5	<=3	>=97.00
NPCR National Data Quality and Completeness Standard (previously 24-month standard)	95.00	<=1	<=3	<=2	<=2	<=3	<=2	>=99.00
USCS Publication Standard	N/A	N/A	<=5	<=3	<=3	<=5	N/A	>=97.00

Standards Met	Registry of Excellence*	Registry of Distinction	Registry for Surveillance
	NPCR National Data Quality and Completeness	NPCR National Data Quality and Completeness	USCS Publication Standard
NPCR Advanced National Data Quality and Completeness		USCS Publication Standard	
USCS Publication			

*Registry of Excellence recognition is suspended for the 2020 NPCR CSS Submission due to delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These delays are considered beyond your registry’s control at this time. CDC will continue to monitor the impact of the delays and closures due to COVID-19 to determine if temporary adjustments to the current standards are needed for the 2021 data submission.