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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 42 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.



| 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<br>NPCR Advanced National Data Quality and Completeness<br>USCS Publication | NPCR National Data Quality and Completeness<br>USCS Publication Standard | USCS Publication Standard |

\*Registry of Excellence recognition is suspended for the 2019 NPCR CSS Submission due to delayed implementation of data collection requirements associated with cases diagnosed in 2018. The delayed implementation is considered beyond your registry’s control at this time. CDC will continue to monitor the impact of the delayed implementation and closures due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 to determine if temporary adjustments to the current standards are needed for the 2020 data submission.