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RE: CDC NPCR Registry for Surveillance

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 for Surveillance.

This achievement indicates that your State cancer registry met the CDC NPCR standard for inclusion in this year's *United States Cancer Statistics* (USCS) report and other analytic data sets. Of the 48 cancer registries supported by CDC, 19 are recognized as a Registry of Excellence, 23 as a Registry of Distinction, and 5 as a Registry for Surveillance for the most recent data submission. Meeting the NPCR standards indicate that high-quality data are 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.

We would especially like to commend the Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR) for the intensive work over the last few years to overcome significant obstacles. Their work and dedication is evident in the progress they have made towards meeting NPCR's completeness and data quality standards. NCCR's estimate of completeness of case ascertainment increased >40% in this year's data submission for diagnosis year 2014 compared to the 2015 data submission. For the data year considered to be the 24-month point in the two submission periods, the percent of records with unknown race information decreased >60%, meeting the NPCR standard. And, the percent of records identified through death certificate only also decreased >60%, indicating improved case ascertainment at the time of diagnosis.

Estimates of completeness of case ascertainment will no longer be used as a criterion for determining inclusion in USCS. However, the data quality criteria—missing/unknown data, death certificate only percentage, duplicate rate, and percent records passing edits—will continue to be used in determining inclusion. Even though the completeness estimate will no longer be a criterion for USCS, NPCR will continue to use this estimate to monitor and evaluate progress in meeting NPCR Program Standards. As the NCCR continues to implement their work plan that includes data reporting from all sources and processes to identify missing or unknown information, their progress towards meeting the estimated completeness of case ascertainment and data quality standards will continue to improve.

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

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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 for Surveillance is enclosed. Congratulations on receiving this 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	90.00	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			



National Program of Cancer Registries
U.S. Cancer Statistics Registry for Surveillance

NEVADA CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRY

Provides critical and high-quality data that are included in the official federal statistics on cancer incidence and mortality, United States Cancer Statistics (USCS). USCS data are used to assess the cancer burden, inform and evaluate prevention efforts, and address disparities. USCS is produced annually by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

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