



December 2, 2010

Dear CER-funded Specialized Cancer Registries,

Congratulations again on your selection for participation in CDC's Enhancing Cancer Registries for Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) project. This letter provides technical details on new data items required for all participating Specialized Cancer Registries.

As a part of the contractual obligations with ICF Macro (CDC's primary contractor for this project), each participating state is required to collect specific additional information on all breast, colorectal, and chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) cases diagnosed between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011. These additional data items are specifically requested for the CER project and have been incorporated into a special Data Dictionary (see appendix A). The Data Dictionary provides details for abstractors to collect these variables, which have not been previously collected through NPCR and are not included in the standard NAACCR data dictionary. For all variables defined by NAACCR standards and listed in the *CER-NPCR Required Status Table*, please use NAACCR's *Standards for Cancer Registries, Volume II: Data Standards and Data Dictionary, Fifteenth Edition, Record Layout Version 12.1, in use for diagnosis year 2011*.

Also as a part of the contractual obligations through this project, each participating state is expected to submit to CDC a pilot dataset in November 2012 and the final dataset in January 2013, through CDC's primary contractor ICF Macro. The datasets should be stored in standard NAACCR record layout as specified in the attached Data Transmission Spreadsheet (see appendix B). These datasets should be quality-controlled by running and passing sets of edits, which will be made available at a later time.

We believe your participation in the CER-funded project as a Specialized Cancer Registry will strengthen your data collection capabilities and will also enhance National cancer surveillance and prevention activities. Please feel free to disseminate this information to your respective vendors to ensure timely and smooth incorporation of these non-NAACCR data items.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christie Eheman".

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