

- b. A patient's address is in Canada and the zip code cannot be verified; record 99999 in the zip code field.
- c. A patient's address is not documented in the medical record and remains unknown after researching all your facility's resources; record 99999 in the zip code field.

FIPS COUNTY CODE AT DIAGNOSIS (NAACCR ITEM #90) (FORDS pg. 48)

Description

Identifies the county of the patient's residence at the time of diagnosis. If the patient has multiple tumors, the county codes may be different for each tumor.

Explanation

This data item may be used for epidemiological purposes (e.g., to measure the cancer burden in a particular geographical area).

Coding Instructions

1. Enter the appropriate three-digit code for the county of residence. Use codes issued by the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) publication, *Counties and Equivalent Entities of the United States, Its Possessions, and Associated areas*. This publication is available at: www.epa.gov/enviro/html/codes/state.html.
2. Refer to *Appendix C* for the list of Texas FIPS county codes.
3. If the patient has multiple tumors, the FIPS county codes may be different for each tumor.
4. Enter the three-digit code 998 if the patient lives out of state, but the address is unknown.
5. For facilities using SCL, the FIPS code will automatically display when the city and zip is entered.
6. Do not update this data item if the patient's county of residence changes after diagnosis.
7. ACoS facilities following the FORDS' guideline to code the country of residence geocode (see Appendix G) in this data field for non-U.S. residents, **MX**, **CD** and **XX** will be accepted by the TCR Edits.

Note: Every effort should be made to record the patient's address from resources available in your facility. If the patient's address is not available **do not** leave blank. The address data fields for these cases should be recorded as *Unknown* in the street address, **Unknown** in the city, **ZZ** in the state, **99999** in the zip code and **999** in the FIPS data field. **Do not record the reporting facility's city, state, zip and FIPS for unknown addresses.**