

## CoC Announces Updates to Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards)

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The memo below is an e-mail from the Commission on Cancer. For those Registrars who work for a Commission on Cancer accredited program, please note the change effective January 1, 2022 for Standard 6.5.



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Dear Cancer Programs,

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) announces the following updates to *Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards)*:

- The **Accreditation Awards** have been updated to reflect aligned terminology and the number of standards that may be rated noncompliant for each award. These accreditation award names and definitions will be utilized starting with 2022 site visits.
- **Standard 6.5: Follow Up of Patients** has been updated to reflect a rolling 15-year requirement for long term follow up. Follow up on cases older than 15 years from the most current year of completed cases will no longer be required for submission to the National Cancer Database. This change will be implemented January 1, 2022.
- The **Specification by Category for Integrated Network Cancer Programs (INCP) and National Cancer Institute-Network (NCIN)** programs have been updated to reflect new requirements to address the required organizational structure of a network, expected distribution of cancer services across the network and its facilities, and processes that facilitate integration, coordination, and collaboration across facilities in the

network. These changes will go into effect for established INCPs/NCINs January 2023 and for new INCPs/NCINs in January 2022.

The specific language for the above updates may be viewed on the [CoC website](#). These updates will be reflected in the *Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards)* later this year. A follow up communication will be sent once the updated manual is posted to our website.

The following resources and guidelines have also been updated:

- The general guidelines for [developing a network](#) have been updated to reflect requirements and guidance when forming an INCP/NCIN. Current INCP/NCINs will receive a separate email with additional details.
- Guidelines for [merging and unmerging accredited programs](#) are also now available.
- The [2020 Standards Implementation](#) website has been updated with information for 2022 site visits.
- The CoC Operative Standards [Timeline and Compliance Information](#) webpage has been updated for clarity and to provide additional information on the site visit process for the Operative Standards.

Please post questions on standards interpretation to the [CAnswer Forum](#). All other questions may be submitted to [coc@facs.org](mailto:coc@facs.org).

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