

# California Cancer Registry

Production Automation and Quality Control Unit

Data Alert - Registrar

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## Modified Record Implementation: Changes affecting Hospital Registrars

As part of the 2016 Data Changes, the CCR will be implementing a new process that will combine the current process for submitting Corrections and Active Follow-up.

The Modified Record is designed to allow facilities to submit a current version of an abstract, providing cumulative updates to all fields since the original new case was submitted, rather than sending separate records for each data item change. A Modified Record will be sent to the CCR following a monthly (30 day) timeline and will be triggered by a change in a data item value with an "Update Triggers Modified Record" specification of "yes" in [Volume II Appendix B: Modified Record Layout](#). Software vendors are responsible for tracking the 30 day timeline. Hospital registrars will have these Modified Records generated and included in their monthly transmissions to the CCR as appropriate.

This new process involves significant changes that not only affect internal processing and software vendor programming, but also the hospital registrar work flow. Changes that will specifically affect the hospital registrars are outlined below:

1. CCR's Eureka database will reject Modified Records that are submitted with edit errors. The reporting facility will be notified of these rejections via a report from their regional registry. The reporting facility will be required to fix the necessary data items to pass edits prior to the next scheduled monthly transmit. Note that the issue of edit errors could be the result of not running the latest metafile provided by your software vendor, which is updated according to specifications provided by the CCR via the metafile we produce.
2. The Modified Record will now be automatically overwriting the existing Admission in the Eureka database with any changes. As a result, if the reporting facility did not make the appropriate corrections to their abstract when visual editing reports were provided, the Modified Record could potentially overwrite these visual editing changes. As a result, regional and central registries will be monitoring an additional report that will capture what fields are overwritten by the Modified Record. If regional staff feels that a field was incorrectly overwritten due to quality control updates not being updated by the reporting facilities in their abstracting software, the report will be utilized to convey these data quality issues to hospital registrars. Hospital registrars will be

expected to implement these corrections in their abstracts in their abstracting software.

3. Since the Modified Record contains cumulative updates, hospital registrars will no longer have to provide reasons for why fields were updated. This documentation was previously required for the Corrections process, but no longer necessary.

**Please note:** The changes discussed in this document are related only to processes affecting the reporting facility. If you would like to view the specifications provided to software vendors for implementing this new process, please see [Volume II - 2016](#).

If you have any questions please reply to this Data Alert.

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