CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY

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Volume I – Coding Instruction Discrepancy

There is a coding discrepancy in the California Cancer Reporting System Standards, Volume I: Abstracting and Coding Procedures for Hospitals, Version 1.0 published January 2021.

This is related to a correction issued by SEER in SINQ #20210017: Lymphomas originating in lymph nodes (C77) could have distant metastases to any site except lymph nodes.

The following instruction in Volume I, V.6-V.6.6 no longer apply: Code 8 (not applicable) for the following:
- Any case coded to primary site C420, C421, C423, C424, or C770-C779.

For cases diagnosed January 1, 2021 and forward:

- The instruction for the Mets at DX fields, Code 8 (**all except Mets at DX-Distant LN**) will be modified to:
    - Use code **8** (Not applicable) for the following:
        - Any case coded to primary site C420, C421, C423, or C424
        - Plasma Cell Disorders 00822
- The instruction for Mets at Diagnosis-Distant LN, Code 8 will be modified to:
    - Use code **8** (Not applicable) for the following:
        - Any case coded to primary site C420, C421, C423, C424, or **C770-C779**
        - Plasma Cell Disorders 00822

Use of code 8 in the Mets at Dx-Distant LN field may cause an edit.
1. Code 8 is required for Mets at Dx-Distant LN for the following:
    - ✓ For Diagnosis Date 2021+, an error will be generated if Primary Site = C770-C779 and Mets at DX-Distant LN is not = 8.
2. Code 8 is **only** allowed for the following:
    - ✓ For Diagnosis Date 2021+, an error will be generated if Schema ID is not 00822, Primary Site is not C420, C421, C423, and C424 and any of the Mets at DX fields is coded 8 (excluding code 8 for C770-C779 for Mets at DX-Distant LN).

The coding instruction adjustments for ALL pages: V.6-V.6.6 - Mets at Diagnosis Bone, Brain, Liver, Lung, Distant Lymph Nodes, and Other will be added to Volume I and will be published with v22 release.

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