| **NAACCR Data Standards and Data Dictionary (Volume II) Version 21**  **Implementation Timeline** | | |
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| **Activity** | **NAACCR Deadlines** | **Considerations/suggestions to meet NAACCR deadlines** |
| Proposed requests-for-change for new data items requiring field testing (most new and some changed data items) submitted to the Mid-Level Tactical Group (MLTG), followed by UDS for preliminary review. | July 1, 2019 | * Complete request-for-change forms for and submit to the MLTG by July 1, 2019 * Data items approved by MLTG will be sent to UDS for preliminary review * Standard setters should have plans to conduct field testing within the timeframe required for final approval |
| Field testing initiated | September 3, 2019 | * For items that require field testing, testing to be initiated by September 1, 2019 * Testing of newly proposed SSDI data items and “yc” data items and concept * NCI with support from IMS and NCRA will facilitate testing * All Standard Setters invited to participate |
| Proposed requests-for-change for changes to existing data items that do not require field testing submitted to MLTG for final review. \* | October 1, 2019 | * Complete request-for-change forms for changes to existing data items that do not require field testing and submit to the MLTG by October 1, 2019. * MLTG may elect to require field test * *Note: MLTG to develop a request-to -change form for items that do not require field testing* |
| MLTG informs HLSG of all requests for change received from standard setters | December 31, 2020 | * HLSG to be informed at the group 4th quarter meeting (Oct-Dec 2019) on all changes under consideration * This will ensure HLSG can initiate dialog with standard setters, ask technical questions as deemed necessary |
| MLTG transmits new proposed standards to UDS WG for final review and approval | January 1, 2020 | * UDS will not consider standards received after January 1, 2020 for NAACCR volume II version 21 * UDS will review all information provided by the standard setter, and may require additional information as necessary * UDS will review all information (including available field-testing results) provided by the standard setter. However, UDS will not require final report from field testing |
| UDS WG Transmits new data standards to MLTG | April 1, 2020 | * No standards submitted for MLTG evaluation and HLSG approval will be assessed after April 1st deadline. * MLTG evaluates information received from UDS and final feasibility testing results from standard setters, makes recommendation to HLSG * HLSG approves/rejects new data standards |
| HLSG/MLTG transmits new standards approved for implementation to UDS | May 1, 2020 | * UDS updates NAACCR Volume II Standards according to new standards approved by HLSG * Under request from HLSG/MLTG, UDS may implement additional adjustments and corrections to new standards * MLTG to ensure that the standard setter provides a set of proposed edits to accompany the new approved data items; edits transmitted to the NAACCR Edits group |
| Convene NAACCR 2021 Implementation Guidelines Task Force | May 1, 2020 | * Materials for the Data Standards and Data Dictionary must be in final format for the Task Force to develop the implementation guidelines. * Final versions of mapping and/or conversions. |
| UDS submits NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries Volume II, Version 21 to NAACCR Board for review/approval | June 1, 2020 | * UDS final review/approval at their May meeting. * MLTG recommends that UDS plans two meetings for May 2020 to ensure that all changes approved by HLSG for implementation will be included in the NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries Volume II by June 1, 2020 deadline. |
| NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries Volume II, Version 21 Released | July 1, 2020 |  |
| NAACCR 2021 Implementation Guidelines Released | August 1, 2020 |  |
| EDITS metafile release | August 1, 2020 | * EDITS Work Group will have begun development of edits metafile by April 2020. |
| Education and training | Ongoing as material becomes available | * Develop training materials by October 1, 2020 and provide adequate training opportunities before January 1, 2021. |
| NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries Volume II, Version 21 effective date | January 1, 2021 |  |

\*Changes to existing data items that result from experience in collecting the data, questions received from registrars or reliability studies generally will not require field testing. However, changes to codes made for other reasons may require field testing to ensure that the new codes and coding instructions can be accurately applied in registry settings.