**Alaska Cancer Registry V23 Edits Metafile (SMF) & User-Defined Dictionary (XML) Summary**

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There are two ZIP files uploaded to the Edits Clearinghouse:

* AKv23.zip – This is for the METRIQ software. It contains a file named AKv23.smf.
* NAACCR\_v23\_20220905\_AK.zip – This is for the Registry Plus software. It contains a file named Current\_EDITS\_Metafile.smf. We use the same file name each year because we have certain edits turned off. If the file name is the same each year, then we don’t have to figure out which edits we turned off last year and turn them off again this year.

There is one XML file uploaded to the User-Defined Dictionary Clearinghouse, plus an Excel file:

* alaska-naaccr-dictionary-230-v1.xml – Alaska’s user-defined dictionary
* alaska-naaccr-dictionary-230-v1.xml.xlsx – The data item definitions

Here is a summary of the changes for V23 compared to V22:

* The data item Tobacco Use NOS has been retired. Abstractors should code unspecified tobacco use in the medical record to the data item Tobacco Use Cigarettes.
* Marijuana Smoking is a new data item. Abstractors should code it the same way as the Tobacco Use data items.
* E-Cigarette Vaping is a new data item. Abstractors should code it the same way as the Tobacco Use data items. Abstractors should note in the Text--Remarks field if the vaping is nicotine (tobacco) or THC (marijuana).
* The edit AK-Tobacco Use NOS, Date of Diagnosis was removed from the ACR Edits for METRIQ Edit Set.
* The edit AK-Marijuana Smoking was added to the ACR Edits for METRIQ Edit Set.
* The edit AK-E-Cigarette Vaping was added the ACR Edits for METRIQ Edit Set.
* Edit logic was added to the existing edits that check the data items AK3-Number of Yrs Smoked, Height, and Weight to verify they are not empty. The additional edit logic checks that abstractors enter the proper number of digits for these three data items. For example, abstractors periodically enter “99” for unknown weight instead of “999”, or “5” for five years of smoking instead of “05”.

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| **Field Name** | **Data Item #** | **Field Type** | **Width** | **Suggested  Database Name** | **Suggested NAACCR XML ID** | **Valid Values** | **Consolidated at What Level?** | **Comments** | **Other comments** |
| Tobacco Use NOS | 9968 | Char | 1 | TobaccoNOS | tobaccoUseNos | 0=Never used 1=Current user 2=Former user, quit within one year of date of diagnosis 3=Former user, quit more than one year prior to the date of diagnosis 4=Former user, unknown when quit 9=Unknown/not stated/no smoking specifics provided | Tumor | Originally an NPCR-specific data item, retired in v22. ACR retired in 2023. |  |
| Marijuana Smoking | 9617 | Char | 1 | MarijuanaSmoking | marijuanaSmoking | Same as above | Tumor | ACR-specific data item since 2023. |  |
| E-Cigarette Vaping | 9618 | Char | 1 | ECigaretteVaping | eCigaretteVaping | Same as above | Tumor | ACR-specific data item since 2023. | Includes THC (marijuana), nicotine (tobacco) |