

# **CHAPTER 15**

## **California Cancer Registry**

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Health and Safety Code Sections 103875-103885 requires all hospitals and other facilities providing therapy to cancer patients, within an area designated as a cancer reporting area, to report each case of cancer to the California Department of Health Services (DHS). This reporting requirement includes any physician and surgeon, dentist, podiatrist, or health care practitioner diagnosing or providing treatment for cancer patients, except for those cases directly referred to as a treatment facility or those previously admitted to a treatment facility for diagnosis or treatment. DHS or a representative from the registry, has access to all records that would identify the established characteristics, treatment, and medical status of any identified cancer patient.