

Frequently Asked Questions on the 2020 Optimal Resources for Cancer Care Standards Chapter 1: Institutional Administrative Commitment

Standard 1.1: Administrative Commitment

If the letter of authority is written at the beginning of the accreditation cycle, how will you include initiatives from the accreditation cycle; as they will not be done yet? Is it okay for the letter to address things done prior to the current accreditation cycle being reviewed?

The timing of this letter of authority is at least once during the accreditation cycle, so it should be when it is most appropriate for your cancer program. However, the intent is that your facility's leadership will commit to providing the necessary resources needed to develop and sustain the cancer program as well as commit to providing the resources needed for equipment, personnel and administrative support. Your program may want to include the recent cancer program activity as well as outline upcoming initiatives. The letter may be put out later in the cycle to include these OR you can amend the letter later in the cycle to include new initiatives. This letter is a demonstration by your hospital leadership that they are aware of all the activity in your cancer program. Addressing activity from the previous accreditation cycle is not compliant.

Are there templates for standard 1.1?

No. Due to the uniqueness of each accredited program it would be a challenge for us to cite specifics for the standards as there is not a "one size fits all" response for a template.

For standard 1.1 is a letter needed from leadership from each facility within the network?

No, it should be from the network level.