

Know someone else in Michigan with sickle cell disease ?

Contact the patient advocate in your area to let them know. Together, we can make a difference in Michigan.

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To learn more about this project, please visit our website [www.michigan.gov/newbornscreening](http://www.michigan.gov/newbornscreening) and click on the *Michigan Hemoglobinopathy Surveillance Quality Improvement Program* link toward the bottom of the page.



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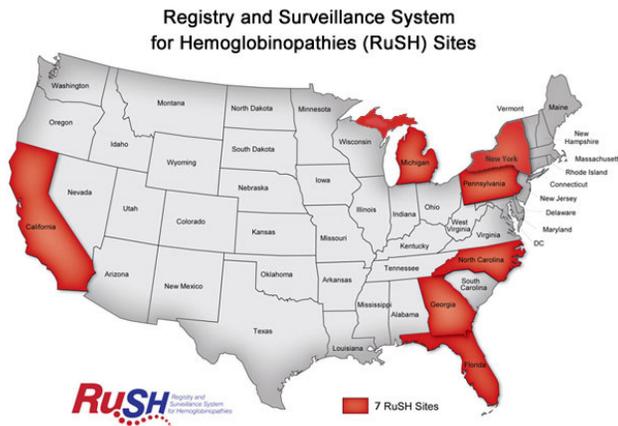
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**About the project**

The Registry and Surveillance System for Hemoglobinopathies (RuSH) is designed to collect information to learn about the number of people living with sickle cell disease and thalassemia so that we can better understand how these disorders affect their health.



RuSH is being coordinated by CDC in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This project involves seven pilot states: California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, New York, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Michigan's Project is called "Michigan Hemoglobinopathy Surveillance and Quality Improvement Program".

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/sicklecell/research.html>

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**How can I contribute?**

There are five regional patient advocates in Michigan that work for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Michigan Chapter. The patient advocate in your area will be calling you in the next few months to ask questions regarding your child with sickle cell disease.



If you have recently changed a name, address or phone number, please call the SCDAA-MI in Detroit to update your contact information.

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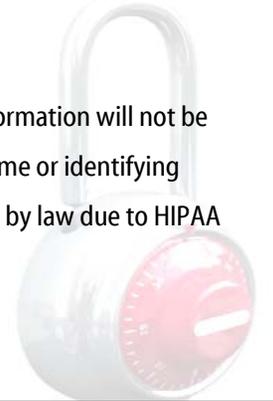
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**Will my child's health information be shared?**

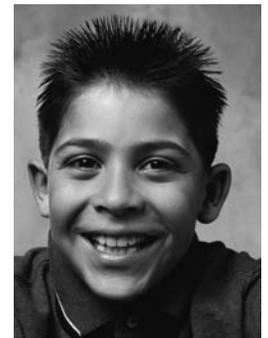
Health records and other information will not be released with your child's name or identifying information. This is required by law due to HIPAA privacy standards.



be counted

**How will RuSH help my child?**

By standardizing the public health information collected in states like Michigan, the RuSH program will lead to a better understanding of the health of people with sickle cell disease. This could lead to better research, and increased funding and direction for public health programs related to sickle cell disease.



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