



**MBDR Newsblast: Latest Template Version and FAQ posted to website  
Tuesday June 20, 2023**

The Michigan Birth Defects Registry (MBDR) was established as part of the Public Health Code (Act 368 of 1978). Confidentiality of all data is required by law and strictly maintained by the Health Department staff. Section 2631 of the Public Health Code regulates procedures protecting confidentiality and regulating disclosure of data and records. Birth Defects Surveillance Authorization, Public Act 236 of 1988 established the statewide Birth Defects Registry.

**UPDATED VERSION of MBDR Template Flatfile Specification V1.2**

The Template Flatfile Specification V1.2 has been updated to include an improved pre-export validation function. The latest version has been placed on our website [www.michigan.gov/mbdr](http://www.michigan.gov/mbdr) . Please read the 'instructions' tab thoroughly. All questions should be directed to [MichiganBirth.DefectsRegistry@altarum.org](mailto:MichiganBirth.DefectsRegistry@altarum.org) .

**MBDR Reporting FAQ document Updates**

The MBDR Reporting FAQ has been modified to include recent questions from reporting facilities on timeliness, no data to report, finding "Submitting Entity" name, and facility codes. Please review this document and reference it for any issues that you may have.

**MBDR Support:**

Please visit the Michigan Birth Defects Registry website at: [www.michigan.gov/mbdr](http://www.michigan.gov/mbdr)

**For required MBDR Resources, Support or Assistance, please contact us at:**

[MDHHS-MBDR@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-MBDR@michigan.gov)

MBDR Monthly Reporting Requirements and Questions

[MichiganBirth.DefectsRegistry@altarum.org](mailto:MichiganBirth.DefectsRegistry@altarum.org)

Flatfile Structure, Submission, and Interoperability Questions

The role of MBDR is to collect and organize data, but the building blocks for the Michigan Birth Defects Registry come from the "reporting entity" (hospital, clinical laboratory, physician, genetic counselor, health clinic, and other health professional or health facility required to report birth defects) who identify and submit the cases. Thank you for your continued cooperation in submitting timely, accurate and complete data to the MBDR.