



**MBDR Newsblast #3: Onboarding FAQ Document Available
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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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DOCUMENT:

The MBDR Team compiled a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) concerning the onboarding process for the registry. This document includes topics:

- **MICHIGAN BIRTH DEFECT REGISTRY (MBDR) AND BIRTH DEFECTS REPORTING**
- **STATE OF MICHIGAN (SOM) FILE TRANSFER SERVICE (FTS)**
- **MICHIGAN BIRTH DEFECTS REGISTRY'S (MBDR) ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR) FLATFILE SPECIFICATIONS AND SUPPORT** *Note attention to new Cytogenetic and Syndrome Code reporting requirements in this section

This FAQ document is posted to our website www.michigan.gov/mbdr

Please reference this document as your reporting facility continues the onboarding process.

ONBOARDING APPROVAL FOR REGISTRY PRODUCTION:

Congratulations to the facilities that have been granted 'APPROVED FOR PRODUCTION' status with the MBDR. This means the reporting entity has passed the required validation checks for onboarding to the new MBDR Flatfile V1.2 Specifications. We appreciate the teamwork and extra effort you made in helping the State of Michigan streamline birth defects reporting.

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.