



**MBDR Newsblast: MBDR V1.2 Approval Checklist
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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.

MBDR V.1.2 APPROVAL CHECKLIST:

This MBDR V1.2 Approval Checklist is intended to assist your facility with meeting the updated birth defects file specifications and the **November 14, 2022**, approval deadline.

1. The MBDR V.1.2 Specifications can be found on the MBDR web at: www.michigan.gov/mbdr.
2. All reporting facilities **must** receive "Approval to Go-Live" before proceeding to submit Production data in the new MBDR V.1.2 format. Note: Your facility should already either be approved or actively engaged in the test file and feedback process.
3. Once approved to go-live, your facility will be instructed to provide a one-time historical birth defects data pull. Specific instructions will be provided with your "Approval to Go-Live" notice.

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

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MBDR **Monthly** Reporting Requirements and Questions

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.