



**MBDR Newsblast: Updated Materials on MBDR Website
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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 Website Updated Materials:

Please visit the Michigan Birth Defects Registry website at: www.michigan.gov/mbdr

Highlighted Updates include:

1. A Comprehensive List of Historical ICD-10 Codes since 2015 inception.
2. The MBDR V1.2 Specifications with recent modifications made. Please see updated specifications for detailed information. In summary:
 - Max Length of the following two fields has been increased to a length of 25 characters for:
 - Child MRN (*Required, Alphanumeric String*)
 - Child Medicaid Number (*Expected, Alphanumeric String*)
 - Certain fields with an Importance of *Required* (cannot be empty) and a Datatype of *Alpha Character String* or *Alphanumeric String* must have the text "UNKNOWN" sent when the information is unknown or not available to report. The fields that this updated guidance applies to include:
 - Child Last Name (unnamed newborn, for example)
 - Child First Name (unnamed newborn, for example)
 - Address 1
 - City
 - County
 - Mom Last Name
 - Mom First Name
 - The following two fields that have an Importance of *Required* and a Datatype of *Coded Value* have a new option "ZZ" (Unknown) added to their Value Sets:
 - State/Province
 - Country

9+ Birth Defects Reporting Facilities Certified for Go-Live Production

The MBDR team will be sending out certifications via USPS and email to facilities when they have met the 2022 Birth Defects V1.2 Flatfile Reporting Specifications for electronic case reporting via the State of Michigan Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP).

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

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MBDR Monthly Reporting Requirements and Questions

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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.