



**MBDR Newsblast: Monthly Data Pull Reminder  
Thursday February 9, 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.

**MONTHLY DATA PULL SUBMISSIONS**

Your monthly BDR data submission should be scheduled to run between the 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Submission is REQUIRED BY the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. This is to ensure that all birth defects are documented accurately and completely, including end-of-month newborn birth defects and previous months' delinquent birth defects submissions.

**DATA QUALITY FINDINGS FROM 2018-2022 FILE SUBMISSIONS**

Thank you to all approved MBDR V1.2 facilities that have submitted 2018-2022 historical files. In the process of loading these files to our Production registry we have identified some data quality issues. We will be communicating with those facilities about these issues and/or required extract adjustments.

**MBDR Website Updated Materials:**

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.