MBDR Newsblast: No Data to Report Instructions
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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.

MONTHLY SUBMISSION-NO DATA
If your facility does not have any birth defects (BD) to report by the 15th for the previous month, your facility should still submit a file with header row **only**. This will assist the MBDR with monthly data assessment and will encourage your facility's practice of monthly file submission.

INSTRUCTIONS TAB ADDED TO TEMPLATE
A page has been added to the MBDR Template Flatfile Specification V1.2 (.xlsm) workbook, labeled INSTRUCTIONS. This is a "How to use the Template to generate a MBDR V1.2 Comma Separated Values (CSV) file" with step-by-step instructions. As always, please contact us if you have any questions.

MBDR Website Updated Materials:
Please visit the Michigan Birth Defects Registry website at: www.michigan.gov/mbdr
For required MBDR Resources, Support or Assistance, please contact us at:

MDHHS-MBDR@michigan.gov
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.