



**MBDR Newsblast: Template and VERA Training Links
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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 Template Flatfile Specification V1.2 Training Module

In collaboration with the Michigan Public Health Institute, we have created a training module for template submitters. This ten-minute video can be accessed at

<https://mediasite.mihealth.org/Mediasite/Play/42131c980cb841c08803746467ae4bab1d>

A link will also be posted to MBDR website. This training is intended for current Template Flatfile submitter facilities who have already been onboarded as a training for new staff or as a refresher.

VERA training Updated on Courses.mihealth.org

An update on 'Entering Birth Defects Information' in the VERA training can be accessed in the [courses.mihealth.org Public LMS](https://courses.mihealth.org/PublicLMS). Sign In, open the course, and use the Menu button to access the Course Map. This will display a dropdown menu which you can use to jump directly to the Birth Defects section (about ¾ of the way down, under 'Other Registries'). A link will also be posted to MBDR website.

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.