

Birth Defects

Hospitals, physicians, surgeons, or other health care facilities or health care providers diagnosing, screening, or providing treatment to a patient must report birth defects listed on the following page (7 AAC 27.012) in children less than 6 years of age. Reports should be submitted *within 3 months* of diagnosis or treatment and include the following information: medical facility name; date of encounter, office visit or discharge; patient first, middle and last names; patient date of birth; sex; race; city of residence; city of birth; medical record number; condition confirmation; ICD-9 or ICD-10 code; description of anomaly.

Reporting agencies do not need to report continued treatment for a prior-reported child and specified diagnosis ICD-9 code. However, if a new diagnosis is made that is reportable, that condition must be reported.

The ICD-9 code (or its equivalent ICD-10 code) and written diagnosis should be specific. For example, if appropriate, you would report a child as having “sickle cell anemia” with an ICD-9 code of 282.60. For this child, do not write “hereditary anemia” with ICD-9 code 282; as such a report is not a specific diagnosis.

If you have never reported before, the Alaska Birth Defects Registry (ABDR) staff can answer any questions you may have. You may submit an electronic worksheet (see link below) using your HIPAA-compliant email method or by using the State’s Direct Secure Messaging (DSM) system. Contact ABDR staff for acquiring a DSM account. This is the preferred method.

For fewer than five reports, information may be submitted on a Birth Defects Reporting Form (see link below). Please fill one form out for each child being reported. Use the most specific ICD-9 codes available and write out a diagnosis description, along with the diagnosis date.

The Birth Defect Guide and Report Form are available at:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/mchepi/abdr/default.aspx>

Contact: Section of Women’s, Children’s and Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Unit, Alaska Birth Defects Registry
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DSM address: akdhss.dph_abdr
Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/mchepi/abdr/default.aspx>
Mail: 3601 C St, Suite 358
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Complete List of ICD-9 Codes Reportable to the Alaska Birth Defects Registry (ABDR)

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| 237.7-237.72 | Neurofibromatosis |
| 243 | Congenital hypothyroidism |
| 255.2 | Adrenogenital disorders |
| 270.0-270.9 | Amino acid metabolic disorders |
| 271.0-271.1 | Glycogenosis and galactosemia |
| 277.0-277.9 | Other and unspecified disorders of metabolism |
| 279.0-279.9 | Disorders involving the immune mechanism |
| 282.0-282.9 | Hereditary hemolytic anemias |
| 284.0 | Constitutional aplastic anemia |
| 331.3-331.9 | Other cerebral degenerations |
| 334.0-334.9 | Spinocerebellar disease |
| 335.0-335.9 | Anterior horn cell disease |
| 343.0-343.9 | Infantile cerebral palsy |
| 359.0-359.9 | Muscular dystrophies and other myopathies |
| 362.74 | Pigmentary retinal dystrophy |
| 389.0-389.9 | Hearing loss |
| 740.0-740.2 | Anencephalus and similar anomalies |
| 741.0-741.9 | Spina bifida |
| 742.0-742.9 | Other congenital anomalies of nervous system |
| 743.0-743.9 | Congenital anomalies of eye |
| 744.0-744.9 | Congenital anomalies of ear, face and neck |
| 745.0-745.9 | Bulbus cordis anomalies and anomalies of cardiac septal closure |
| 746.0-746.9 | Other congenital anomalies of heart |
| 747.0-747.9 | Other congenital anomalies of circulatory system |
| 748.0-748.9 | Congenital anomalies of respiratory system |
| 749.0-749.25 | Cleft palate and cleft lip |
| 750.0-750.9 | Other congenital anomalies of upper alimentary tract |
| 751.0-751.9 | Other congenital anomalies of digestive system |
| 752.0-752.9 | Congenital anomalies of genital organs |
| 753.0-753.9 | Congenital anomalies of urinary system |
| 754.0-754.89 | Certain congenital musculoskeletal deformities |
| 755.0-755.9 | Other congenital anomalies of limbs |
| 756.0-756.9 | Other congenital musculoskeletal anomalies |
| 757.0-757.9 | Congenital anomalies of the integument |
| 758.0-758.9 | Chromosomal anomalies |
| 759.0-759.9 | Other and unspecified congenital anomalies |
| 760.0-760.9 | Fetus or newborn affected by maternal conditions which may be unrelated to present pregnancy |
| 760.71 | Alcohol affecting fetus via placenta or breast milk, including fetal alcohol syndrome |