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

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Website: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/mchepi/abdr/default.aspx
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Complete List of ICD-9 Codes Reportable to the Alaska Birth Defects Registry (ABDR)

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