

(i) The Department shows a public health need for individual identity;

(ii) The hospital obtains written consent of the parent or guardian of the child; and

(iii) The Department assures that the identity of the child will not be released without the written consent of the parent or guardian.

(2) If the Department shows a need for the individual identity of children without sentinel birth defects to conduct a case-control investigation, paragraph (1)(ii) and (iii) of this subsection applies.

(d) (1) The Department shall assure that information is prepared and periodically updated on:

(i) Sentinel birth defects; and

(ii) Public and private services for the disabled with sentinel birth defects.

(2) (i) The Secretary shall appoint a committee to determine the information required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(ii) The committee shall consist of:

1. Physicians;

2. Educators;

3. Social service specialists;

4. Representatives of the Department;

5. Representatives of the Department of Human Resources;

6. Representatives of the Department of Education; and

7. Parents of children with sentinel birth defects.

(3) The information provided under this subsection shall be distributed to each hospital and made available to parents or guardians of children with sentinel birth defects by the infant's physician.

(e) The Department shall develop procedures to monitor the data on sentinel birth defect trends which may be caused by environmental hazards.