

(3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ASSURE THAT THE IDENTITY OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD.

(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 BEFORE THE INFANT IS DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL AND AFTER-A-PUBL WITH AN EXPLANATION, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, OF THE BIRTH DEFECT IS--MADE TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

(4) (I) THE SECRETARY SHALL SEND A LETTER TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH CHILD REPORTED UNDER THIS SECTION WITH A SENTINEL BIRTH DEFECT WHEN BEFORE THE CHILD IS 6 MONTHS OLD.

(II) THE LETTER SHALL OFFER INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIRTH DEFECT AND AVAILABLE SERVICES WITH EMPHASIS ON NEEDS IDENTIFIED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM THE HOSPITAL.

(III) BEFORE SENDING A LETTER TO A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, THE SECRETARY SHALL IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES TO