

Critical Congenital Heart Defect

Effective March 1, 2013, Critical Congenital Heart Defect (CCHD) has been added to the list of diseases for which follow-up services relating to case management, referrals, confirmatory testing and assessments in section 3(a) (2) of the Newborn Child Testing Act are required.

All chief executive officers (CEOs), midwives and other legally responsible parties must assure that policies and procedures are developed for reporting CCHD screening, referral and diagnosis activities to Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH). Newborn screening coordinators should be knowledgeable of newborn screening methodologies and serve as a point of contact between the facility and the DOH for all newborn screening activities occurring at a respective birth facility.

The Department encourages the screening of all newborns for CCHD prior to discharge from a birthing facility. The following information should be reported to the PA DOH's Newborn Screening Point-of-Care Program in a timely manner.

CCHD Monthly Report

Birth providers, such as hospitals, birthing centers and midwives are encouraged to complete and submit monthly data regarding CCHD screens done at their facility, including the number of CCHD screens performed, the number of positive CCHD screens referred for echocardiogram, etc.

Template for the monthly report is available on the [PA DOH's Newborn Screening and Follow-Up website](#). Download the template (Microsoft Excel file) and save it on your computer.

Steps to Complete and Submit the Report

1. Open the CCHD Monthly Report template on your computer.
2. Fill out all the information. Refer to the **INSTRUCTIONS** sheet (second tab on the spreadsheet) for a brief description of the fields on the report.
3. Save the completed report. When saving the file, name it as CCHDMonthlyReport_FacilityID_mmddyyyy.xlsx; where Facility ID is the unique number assigned to your facility by the PA DOH, and mmddyyyy is the calendar date when you completed the report.
4. Email the report to RA-TCNBSAdmin_Fax@pa.gov.

IMPORTANT Please note that the first monthly report is due on **Monday April 22, 2013**. This report should include the data for March 2013. Thereafter, the report should be submitted by the 20th of every month to report the data for the previous month.

For questions or assistance please contact:

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