

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**  
**For**  
**Epidemiologic Studies Using Birth Defects Registry Data**

Researchers, who are engaged in epidemiologic study of the health status and health care needs of Missouri citizens, may request access to record-level birth defects data. All data released will have personal identifiers removed. Because vital records (birth and death certificates) and patient abstracts are components of the birth defects registry, persons requesting record-level data must comply with the procedures for requesting both vital records and patient abstract data. The link is listed below.

[Application and Review Procedures for Using Missouri Vital Records & Patient Abstract System Records](#)