### South Dakota

**Birth Defects Surveillance System**

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*QUESTION: “Does your MCH program have the ability to obtain data for program planning or policy purposes in a timely manner?”*  
*ANSWER FOR “Annual birth defects surveillance system” category: “”No, the MCH agency does not have this ability.””*  
*QUESTION: Does your MCH program have direct access to the electronic database for analysis?*  
*ANSWER FOR “Annual birth defects surveillance system” category: “No”* | **1-43 19. Comprehensive health data system established**–Purpose. The Department of Health shall coordinate the establishment and maintain oversight of a comprehensive health data system for the purposes of:  
(1) Health care planning, policy development, policy evaluation, and research by federal, state, and local governments;  
(2) Monitoring payments for health services by the federal and state governments;  
(3) Assessing and improving the quality of health care;  
(4) Measuring and optimizing access to health care;  
(5) Supporting | | | |
“Yet Alabama, Pennsylvania, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and South Dakota and the District of Columbia do not have birth defect registries at all and one of the largest states, California, only monitors 70,000 out of 526,774 births each year.” – “The Leading Cause of Infant Deaths Exposed,” Rachel Thomas (Birth Defect Research for Children), Healthy Child Healthy World website, July 27, 2011 [as also noted in the annual report of Birth Defect Research for Children]

public health functions and objectives;
(6) Improving the ability of health plans, health care providers, and consumers to coordinate, improve, and make choices about health care; and
(7) Monitoring costs at provider and plan levels.

1-43-33. Promulgation of rules for comprehensive health data system. The Department of Health shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to specify criteria, procedures, and forms for submitting health related data and to establish standards for information collection.