

**ATTACHMENT J – CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

The confidentiality agreement will be translated in Spanish after OMB approval for this package has been obtained. A FH/GMMB subcontractor will translate the agreement.

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**Food Stamp Program**

Opinion surveys, written notes by observers, and audiotape recordings created by a research study are called research records. The research records that will be collected and used for this study may include an opinion survey, written notes, and an audiotape made during your participation in the focus group discussion. However, your comments and survey responses will be shared only in the aggregate with those from the other participants within the written report. (The focus group project director, an employee of an independent research company, Fleishman-Hillard Research, will maintain possession of the research records and will destroy them upon completion of the written research report.)

Aggregated information/results from this study and portions of audio recordings (with no identification of individuals by name) may be presented in meetings or oral presentation to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Your name, and any information that can be traced back to you, will not be included in any reports or meetings.

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I understand that all information revealed during this interview or focus group (LOCATION/DATE/TIME) will be held strictly confidential by the research team collecting this information. I understand that my name will not be used in any meetings or reports regarding the focus group discussions.

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Signature of Participant

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Date

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Name of Participant (please print)