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Attachment 9
Consent to Participate in Consumer Focus Group

Purpose

You are being asked to participate in a research study. RTI International is conducting a series of focus groups sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The purpose of the focus groups is to learn about women's health and healthy behaviors. You are eligible to take part in the discussions because you are a women aged 18-44. About 300 people total will take part in the discussions.

Procedures

If you agree to participate, you will take part in a focus group in person for about 60-90 minutes.

An experienced interviewer from RTI will moderate the discussion. Another member of our project team will take notes during the interview. The discussion will also be audio recorded. The recordings will help us get everything you have to say. It is possible that someone from the CDC would be observing the groups so they can better understand your views and opinions. If they are observing, we will let you know. They will not actively participate during the discussion, but they may ask the moderator to follow up on a specific question at the end of the discussion.

Possible Risks or Discomforts

We do not expect any risks to you from participating in the interview. It is possible that some of the things we discuss could make you uncomfortable; however, if you find that any of the questions make you uncomfortable, you do not have to answer them.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits to you from answering the questions except the satisfaction of helping CDC better understand issues relating to women's health and healthy behaviors so that they may develop better health information for women.

Incentive for Participation

You will receive $75.00 for your time and effort to participate in the focus group.

Security of Information

Your answers will be used to write a summary report, but we will not use any real names in the report. Your name will not be given to anyone. The notes and the recordings will be kept in a locked file cabinet in the RTI office and will be destroyed after the project is completed.

Future Contacts

RTI and CDC will not contact you in the future regarding this study.

Your Rights

Your decision to take part in this interview is completely voluntary. You can refuse any activity and you can stop participating at any time. You can refuse to answer any question. If you decide to participate and later change your mind, you will not be contacted again or asked for further information.

Your Questions

If you have any questions about the telephone discussions, you may call Dr. Linda Squiers at RTI at 301-576-8088. If you have any questions about your rights as a focus group participant, you may call RTI's Office of Research Protection toll-free at 1-866-214-2043.

Please Read and Check Below if You Agree

- I freely choose to take part in this research study. Date _____

Signature _____ Printed Name _____