

Evaluation of the Graduate Nurse Education Demonstration Project Consent Form for Student Focus Groups

Purpose

This evaluation is sponsored by the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) and conducted by Optimal Solutions Group and the American Institutes for Research (AIR). The purpose of this research study is to evaluate the Graduate Nurse Education (GNE) demonstration, identify the challenges and monitor its implementation, assess outcomes, and assess the potential for sustainability, improvement and replication of key outcomes.

This interview is intended to gather information about challenges encountered and strategies utilized to overcome them during the demonstration implementation and to gather information on strategies that may potentially increase the number of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

Participation

Your participation in this focus group is voluntary. If, at any time, you wish to discontinue participation, you may do so without penalty.

Procedures

The focus group will last 90 minutes and will be audio-taped for our records. Only Optimal/AIR will have access to the tapes and that they will be destroyed upon the completion of the evaluation.

Risks and Discomfort

There are no anticipated or known risks in participating in this study. As explained below in the section on *confidentiality*, you should be aware that we will be submitting reports that may identify organizations by name. Your identifying information will not be published.

Benefits

Your participation in the evaluation will contribute to an understanding of how to expand the number of clinical training opportunities for APRN students, and ultimately the number of practicing APRNs. You will receive \$25 as a thank you for participating in this study.

Confidentiality

We will treat the information you supply in a confidential manner. Only selected staff from the evaluation team will have access to your actual focus group participation responses. You will not be identified by name in any report to the public or the funder.

As part of the evaluation, we will share our findings with CMS. The results of the evaluation will describe strengths as well as areas for improvement. Findings will describe the progress made and difficulties encountered in achieving project goals.

After the interview is completed, we will ask you to identify any information which you would NOT want presented in any form that might be linked with your personally. We will comply with your request by being especially careful to not present such information in any way that would enable it to be linked to you.

More Information

For more information about this evaluation, please contact Julie Jacobson Vann at jjacobsonvann@air.org or (919) 918-4503 or Brandy Farrar at bfarrar@air.org or (202) 403-5416. For questions regarding your rights as a human subject participating in this research, please contact AIR's Institutional Review Board (IRB) Chair, at IRBChair@air.org; 800.634.0797.

Documented Consent

By signing this form you are indicating that you have read and understood the information provided to you and agree to participate in the focus group.

Name _____ Organization _____

Signature _____ Title _____

Date _____