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Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to HIV prevention for  
Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) – Pulse Study

**Attachment 4c      HIV-Negative MSM Assent Form\_English**

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ASSENT FROM PEDIATRIC SUBJECTS

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Subject age: \_\_\_\_\_ years

\_\_\_\_\_ **WRITTEN ASSENT (ages 13-17)**

**WRITTEN ASSENT DOCUMENT**

We are asking you to volunteer to be in a research study. We will ask you some questions about HIV risk. The purpose of the study is to make programs to help young men like you not get HIV. We will interview 150 males as a part of this study. We will talk to you for about an hour. We will record our talk and take notes. After the questions are over, we will write up what you told us. We will not use your name or any other names you might tell us in our documents.

There are no known direct risks of being in this study. There is always a slight risk that any personal information given may not be fully protected. We will make sure this does not happen by using a study number instead of your name on our forms. In order to reach you we have your name, contact information and your study number. That information is kept locked separately from our forms in the office. Outside of the office your name and contact information will not have a study number. When we type up your interview, we will not use your name. We will take out any names you say. You are also welcome to skip any question you do not wish to answer. We also keep all study materials in a locked cabinet in a secure area.

The study staff will be able to see your answers and anything private you might tell us. We are required by law to report some things you might say about sex with someone who is older or younger than you or if you intend to harm yourself or someone else.

Right after you finish talking with us, we will give you \$40 in the form of (cash/ a gift card). You will get \$40 in cash or in a gift card even if you do not choose to complete the study.

You can refuse (say no) to be in this study. The research staff cannot make you be in the study if you don't want to be. If you agree to be in the study but change your mind about it later, you can stop being in the study. If you don't want to do the study, it will not change any treatments or services that you currently get or you might get in the future. You can keep a copy of this form. Take your time to decide if you want to be in the study.

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If you agree to be in the study, sign here:

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*Name of Participant*

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*Signature of Participant*

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*Date*

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*Time*

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*Person Obtaining Assent*

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*Date*

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*Time*