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## SEPSIS EDUCATIONAL EFFORT - RECRUITMENT SCREENER CONSUMERS - CAREGIVERS TO SEPSIS SURVIVORS VERSION

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Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I work for [recruiting firm]. We are working with ICF, a consulting firm in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct online focus groups to gather feedback on educational materials on a specific health topic. The focus groups will include four to seven other people and will last about 60 minutes.

Do you think that you might be interested in participating in this type of discussion?

- Yes**
- No (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)**

May I ask you a few questions in order to determine whether you are a good fit to participate in the interview?

- Yes**
- No (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)**

**NOTE TO RECRUITER:** Please terminate individuals as soon as they provide a response that makes them ineligible for participation. Please use the termination script below:

*“We appreciate your willingness to answer each of the questions. Unfortunately, you do not meet all of the required criteria to participate in the focus group. Thank you for your time.”*

For those who are eligible for participation, move on to the next question.

**Record and keep all screened data.**

1. Are you currently or have you been a day-to-day caretaker and helping make healthcare decisions for someone who has been diagnosed by a healthcare professional with sepsis within the past 5 years?
  - Yes**
  - No (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)**
  
2. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ **[Recruiter to document actual age and then categorize]**
  - <18 years old (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)**
  - 18-64**
  - 65+ (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)**
  
3. What state do you live in?
  - Illinois**
  - Louisiana**
  - Mississippi**

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- New Jersey**
  - New York**
  - Ohio**
  - Pennsylvania**
  - Tennessee**
  - West Virginia**
  - None of the above (Thank person for their time, read termination script, and end conversation)
4. This discussion will involve speaking and reading in English. Are you comfortable with that?
- Yes**
  - No (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)
5. Do you have access to a phone, computer, and reliable Internet to participate in the discussion?
- Yes**
  - No (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)
6. Do you have access to a webcam or a computer where you can establish a secure video connection?
- Yes
  - No (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)
7. Do you work in the healthcare field as a healthcare professional, paramedical professional, or health educator?
- Yes (Thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)
  - No**
  - Prefer not to answer (Do not read as a response option; thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation)

**NOTE TO RECRUITER: Please check final eligibility determination (check all that apply to confirm)**

**Caregivers to Sepsis Survivors**

- Currently or has been a day-to-day caretaker and helping make healthcare decisions for someone who has been diagnosed by a healthcare professional with sepsis within the past 5 years
- Between 18 to 64 years old
- Resides in one of the following states: Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia
- Speaks and reads English at a level necessary for participation
- Access to phone, computer, and reliable Internet
- Access to a webcam or a computer where they can establish a secure video connection
- Does **NOT** work in the healthcare field as a healthcare professional, paramedical professional, or health educator

If the individual is not eligible based on any of the above, go to termination script.

For those who are eligible for participation, move on to the next question.

8. Thank you for answering those questions. You are eligible to participate in the discussion. We will provide a \$XX token of appreciation for participating in this discussion. Are you still interested in participating?
- Yes
  - No (Thank person for their time, terminate and end the conversation)

I'm glad that you are willing to participate! I have just a couple of additional questions and then will need to find the best time to schedule the discussion.

**NOTE TO RECRUITER:** Questions 9-15 do not effect eligibility.

9. What is your sex?
- Male
  - Female
  - Did not provide a response (Do not read as a response option)
10. Would you describe yourself as Hispanic or Latino?
- Yes
  - No
  - Did not provide a response (Do not read as a response option)
11. How would you describe your racial background? Please select all that apply.
- American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Black or African American
  - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
  - White
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Do not read as a response option)
  - Did not provide a response (Do not read as a response option)
12. What geographic area(s) would you say you live in? Please select only one.
- Rural
  - Suburban
  - Urban
  - Don't Know
13. What is your highest education level completed? Please select only one.
- Less than high school graduate/some high school
  - High school graduate (or equivalent)
  - Associate or technical degree
  - Four-year college degree
  - Master's degree
  - Professional or doctoral degree (MD, PhD, JD, etc.)
14. How confident are you filling out medical forms by yourself?
- Extremely
  - Quite a bit
  - Somewhat
  - A little bit
  - Not at all

15. Ok, let's check your availability for the focus group discussion. Are you available at any of the following dates and times?

\*Actual dates and timeslots TBD – dependent on moderator availability.

[If no times work] Record alternate times below. Otherwise, thank person for their time, terminate, and end the conversation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_: \_\_ am/pm

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_: \_\_ am/pm

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_: \_\_ am/pm

[If at least one time works] Thank you. We will send you an invitation with a link to join the interview online and a telephone number to call in. Please join online AND dial in at least 15 minutes before your scheduled time. Now, please confirm your name, mailing address, home phone, cell phone, and email that we can use to reach you. We will send you a confirmation notification via email, mail, and/or mobile device. The day before the focus group, we will call to remind you about this focus group and will send a reminder via text message. After the focus group is over, we will send your token of appreciation to the mailing address you provided.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

Thank you for your time. Please contact [Recruiter] at [Phone Number] if you have questions or if your plans change and you are no longer able to participate in the discussion. Otherwise, we'll look forward to [talking with/seeing] you on [Month/Day/Year] at [Time].