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### **Introduction**

We would like your child, [NAME and AGE], to take part in an online survey of his or her knowledge of male and female fertility and views on having children. About 4,000 adolescents and young adults (15 to 29 years) are being randomly selected and invited to take part in this study.

If you give permission for your child to participate, your child must also agree by clicking on a separate form that states he or she agrees to take part.

### **What is the purpose of this study?**

The survey is being conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Population Affairs (OPA) to learn about what young men and women know about human fertility and their views on having children.

### **Why was my child selected for this study?**

Your child was selected to take part in this study through a two-part process. First, your household was randomly selected to represent many others like it in the country. Second, your child is in the age group (15 to 17 years) that is being asked to participate in this study. This means your child's answers will represent the answers that many other young people like your child would give if they were in the study too.

### **What does my child's participation involve?**

We'd like your child to complete one survey that has questions about their knowledge of male and female fertility, their views on having children, and related behaviors. Your child will be asked to answer these questions on their own and in private. Your child can answer these questions on a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. The survey will take your child about 20 minutes to answer all the questions. We'll ask your child questions on these topics:

- Knowledge of female and male fertility issues
- Views on childbearing and their intentions or goals for having children
- Use of alcohol and cigarettes
- Health insurance coverage and use of medical care services
- Personal experiences with sex and pregnancy
- Individual characteristics (examples: race, ethnicity, marital/relationship status)
- If applicable, use of birth control methods

We ask that your child answer these questions in private. While answers to all questions are important to the study, your child may skip any questions they prefer not to answer. The only exception is that there are a few questions near the beginning of the survey about your child's biological ability to have children, your child's sex as recorded on their birth certificate, and your child's age that your child must answer in order for the survey to proceed. If your child chooses to skip these items, he or she will not be able to complete the survey.

### **Can I or my child change our minds about participating?**

Yes. Participating in the survey is voluntary. Your child may stop anytime. This will not affect your or your child's ability to participate in future surveys.

### **What are the possible benefits and risks of participating in the study?**

Participating in this survey will not benefit you or your child directly. However, their answers will be used to better understand young people's knowledge about fertility and views on having children, and to provide them with information to help them make better decisions for themselves.

Taking this survey involves no risk of injury. Your child may experience temporary discomfort or embarrassment with one or more of the survey's questions on such topics as pregnancy, sexual activity, contraceptive use, or alcohol use. If your child feels uncomfortable about any of the questions, it's OK to skip those questions, as noted above.

### **How will you protect my privacy and my child's privacy?**

- The survey will not collect any information that can link you or your child to their answers (such as your name, their name, address, e-mail address).
- The personal identifying information (name, address, e-mail address) that you and your child have already shared as part of your membership in *KnowledgePanel* will not be shared with the study researchers or the study sponsor. *KnowledgePanel* will continue to secure your personal information in a protected computer file.
- Your child will never be identified in any analysis, reports, or publications based on their responses, and no one will try to sell you or your family anything.

A Certificate of Confidentiality has been obtained from the Federal Government for this study to help insure your and your child's privacy. This Certificate means that the researchers may not disclose information that may identify you or your child, even by a court subpoena, in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative or other proceedings. You should understand that a Certificate of Confidentiality does not prevent you from voluntarily releasing information about yourself, your child, or your child's involvement in this research. The Certificate cannot be used to resist a demand for information from personnel of the United States Government that is used for auditing or program evaluation by the agency (Office of Population Affairs) funding this study. The Certificate of Confidentiality will not be used to prevent disclosure for any purpose you have agreed to in this document.

### **How will you keep my child's information confidential?**

Ipsos has processes in place designed to keep answers to surveys confidential. Your child can answer the survey questions on a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Although the guarantee of confidentiality of data transmitted on the Internet cannot be absolute, your child's answers will be transmitted and saved in a secure way to prevent viewing by anyone who does not have permission to do so, and to prevent loss, alteration, or misuse of their answers.

### **Who will see the information that my child gives?**

Before the researchers and federal sponsor receive the data, Ipsos will remove information that identifies your child (like name or email) and combine your child's responses with the responses of other people taking the survey. To be clear, the researchers will not receive identifying information like name or email from Ipsos. When the researchers analyze and write up the combined results of the survey to share with the federal sponsor and other researchers, they will write about the combined information and not individual survey respondents. Your child will not

be identified in any published or presented materials. Sometimes there are opportunities for researchers to use data from previous studies or to share data with each other if they are conducting similar research. For these reasons, the study researchers or federal sponsor may use or share the combined data from this study for future research. We will not ask for your additional permission or your child's consent for such research.

**Will my child receive anything for participating in this study?**

In appreciation for your child's participation, your child will receive 5,000 points (\$5 equivalent), which will be credited to your account.

**Who can I contact if I have additional questions?**

If you have any questions about taking part in this survey, you can contact the *Panel Member Support Center* at the toll free number [1-800-782-6899](tel:1-800-782-6899) or send an e-mail to [support@knowledgepanel.com](mailto:support@knowledgepanel.com).

If you have any questions about this study, you may call Dr. Christina Fowler at 1-800-334-8571 (extension 23447). If you have any questions about your child's rights as a study participant, you may call RTI's Office of Research Protections using toll-free number 1-866-214-2043.

**Permission to Participate**

By clicking on the box below, you give your permission for your child to take part in this survey.

Parent/Guardian Statements

**Yes, I give permission for my child to take part in this study.**

Please give your device to your child or send the survey link below to your child's personal device. Before your child can complete the survey, he or she must also agree to take part by clicking a box on a form to record their agreement. If they agree to participate by clicking "YES," the survey will begin automatically.

Link to Survey: **INSERT LINK**

**No, I do not give permission for my child to take part in this study.**

**THANK YOU**

