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**Surveillance of HIV-related service barriers among Individuals with Early or  
Late HIV Diagnoses (SHIELD)**

**Attachment 5a**

**Model Consent for the Quantitative Survey(English)**

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## SHIELD Model Consent

<b>INTRO.9</b>	<b>Language ability:</b>	
<b>LANGUAG</b>	Thank you for taking part in this interview. Would you prefer to continue in English or Spanish?	
	English	1
	Spanish	2

Skip Pattern to use either Spanish or English version of the survey.  
Skip Pattern to use the Consent form from the corresponding Project area

If INTRO.7= '1' [Florida] then GO to Consent\_FL  
ELSE if INTRO.7 = '2' [Louisiana] then GO to Consent\_LA  
ELSE if INTRO.7 = '3' [Michigan] then GO to Consent\_MI  
ELSE if INTRO.7 = '4' [Houston, TX] then GO to Consent\_HTX

### \*\*\*\*\*Model Consent Form\*\*\*\*\*

#### Statement of Informed Consent [for computer assisted telephone interview]

*[Interviewer Note: The following statement must be read to all potential participants]:*

You were chosen for this interview because of your recent lived experiences related to HIV testing and diagnosis. Taking part in this interview is up to you. You can choose to participate or not to participate. You do not have to take part in the interview if you do not want to. If you decide to take part, you may leave the interview at any time. There are no penalties if you choose not to take part or to leave the interview early. If you are currently incarcerated, taking part in this interview will not affect your parole or release.

#### **Why we are doing this project**

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. Your health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are doing this project to learn more about people living with HIV, including the services they use and need. We intend to use this information to help improve programs that keep people healthy and get them the help they need.

#### **What we will need from you**

If you choose to take part in this interview, I will ask you some personal questions.

Answering the questions will take about 50 minutes. You do not have to answer any question you do not want to answer.

The questions ask about your

- medical past
- use of medical and social services
- sex practices
- use of drugs and alcohol
- ability to work and take care of yourself and your family

We send the answers to CDC, but we don't send them your name. Instead, we will assign a code number to your answers. We do not send CDC any information that identifies you or could be traced back to you. Your answers are confidential. All project materials are kept in a locked cabinet or secure computer.

A small number of interviews may be observed by supervisors to provide feedback to project staff on their work.

#### **What you can expect from us**

*Privacy*

We protect your privacy. All information you give us will be private and confidential.

Your records will be confidential as much as the law allows. Your answers will be grouped together with answers from other participants so that no one will know which answers are yours. We will send information from this project to CDC, but we will not send any information that could identify you. Federal law protects the confidentiality of information kept at CDC.

#### *Token of appreciation*

You will receive a token of appreciation in the amount of \$50 for taking part in the interview. If you choose to leave the interview early, you may keep the token of appreciation.

#### **Things to consider**

- There is no cost to you (other than your time and effort) for taking part in this interview.
- If you like, we can give you information about how to avoid giving HIV to someone else.
- If you like, we can give you information about where to get medical and social services.
- There are no direct benefits from taking part in this interview. However, the information you give us can help us improve services available to other people living with HIV.
- Some of the questions may make you feel uncomfortable or may be too personal. Remember: You do not have to answer any questions you do not wish to answer.

If you have any questions about this project or the token of appreciation, you can ask me and I will do my best to answer. If there is a question I am not able to answer, you can directly contact the person you talked to at the health department about this survey, using the contact information they gave you. If you no longer have this contact information, you can reach your health department at

[Programming note: project-area specific information]

(phone number provided by health department)

If you have any questions about your rights and how the project works across the country, please contact

- (If applicable) The institutional review board (IRB) at (State/Local Health Department) at (phone number).
- (If applicable) (Local IRB contact) at (phone number).

**Now I will read you a consent statement and you can choose to provide your consent or not consent:**

***I agree to take part in the project described here. I have been read the statement, understand the statement, and all my questions have been answered, or I have been given contact information to get my questions answered by others. I understand that my participation is completely voluntary.***

#### **Statement of Informed Consent [for web-based survey]**

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**CN1.**

**CONSENT**

Do you agree to take part in the survey?

No

0

Yes

1

**Skip Pattern**

If Respondent does not consent (CN1 = 0['No']), this survey will STOP immediately.

GO TO END.1 to thank participant for their time and offer any referrals.

Else, GO to INTRO.NOTE

Florida Consent Form**Statement of Informed Consent [IA]**

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- There is no cost to you (other than your time and effort) for taking part in this interview.
- If you like, we can give you information about how to avoid giving HIV to someone else.
- If you like, we can give you information about where to get medical and social services.
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If you have any questions about this project or the token of appreciation, you can ask me and I will do my best to answer. If there is a question I am not able to answer, you can directly contact the person you talked to at the health department about this survey, using the contact information they gave you. If you no longer have this contact information, you can call Daniel Grischy [GRITCH-ee], the Principal Investigator, at 850-245-4357 or Diandra [dee-ON-dra] Jones, the Project Coordinator, at 850-841-8460.

*If you want to talk with someone independent of the research team for questions, concerns, or complaints about the research; questions about your rights; to obtain information; or to offer input, you can contact the Florida Department of Health Institutional Review Board. An Institutional Review Board is a group of people who review research to ensure participants are protected and the research is conducted in an ethical way. You can contact the IRB at : 850-245-4585.*

**Now I will read you a consent statement and you can choose to provide your consent or not consent:**

***I agree to take part in the project described here. I have been read the statement, understand the statement, and all my questions have been answered, or I have been given contact information to get my questions answered by others. I understand that my participation is completely voluntary.***

Do you agree to take part in the survey?

**Statement of Informed Consent [WB]**

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**Why we are doing this project**

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**What we will need from you**

If you choose to take part in this survey, we will ask you some personal questions.

Answering the questions will take about 50 minutes. You do not have to answer any question you do not want to answer.

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**What you can expect from us**

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**Things to consider**

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participation is completely voluntary.  
Do you agree to take part in the survey?

Louisiana Consent Form

**Statement of Informed Consent [IA]**

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You were chosen for this interview because of your recent lived experiences related to HIV testing and diagnosis. Taking part in this interview is up to you. You can choose to participate or not to participate. You do not have to take part in the interview if you do not want to. If you decide to take part, you may leave the interview at any time. There are no penalties if you choose not to take part or to leave the interview early. If you are currently incarcerated, taking part in this interview will not affect your parole or release. Your health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are doing this project to learn more about people living with HIV, including the services they use and need. We intend to use this information to help improve programs that keep people healthy and get them the help they need.

If you choose to take part in this interview, I will ask you some personal questions.

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- There is no cost to you (other than your time and effort) for taking part in this interview.
- If you like, we can give you information about how to avoid giving HIV to someone else.
- If you like, we can give you information about where to get medical and social services.
- There are no direct benefits from taking part in this interview. However, the information you give us can help us improve services available to other people living with HIV.
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If you have any questions about this project or the token of appreciation, you can ask me and I will do my best to answer. If there is a question I am not able to answer, you can directly contact the person you talked to at the health department about this survey, using the contact information they gave you. If you no longer have this contact information, you can call William Robinson, the Project Coordinator, at 504-568-5200.

**Now I will read you a consent statement and you can choose to provide your consent or not consent:**

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**Why we are doing this project**

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**What we will need from you**

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**What you can expect from us**

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**Do you agree to take part in the survey?**



Michigan Consent Form**Statement of Informed Consent [IA]**

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- There is no cost to you (other than your time and effort) for taking part in this interview.
- If you like, we can give you information about how to avoid giving HIV to someone else.
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- There are no direct benefits from taking part in this interview. However, the information you give us can help us improve services available to other people living with HIV.
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If you have any questions about this project or the token of appreciation, please contact the recruiter you spoke to at MDHHS about this survey, using the contact information they gave you. If you no longer have this contact information, you can reach your health department at (517) 335-1716.

For questions about your rights, please contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, at (517) 241-1928.

**Now I will read you a consent statement and you can choose to provide your consent or not consent:**

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**Why we are doing this project**

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**Do you agree to take part in the survey?**

Houston Consent FormStatement of Informed Consent [IA]

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- If you like, we can give you information about how to avoid giving HIV to someone else.
- If you like, we can give you information about where to get medical and social services.
- There are no direct benefits from taking part in this interview. However, the information you give us can help us improve services available to other people living with HIV.
- Some of the questions may make you feel uncomfortable or may be too personal. Remember: You do not have to answer any questions you do not wish to answer.

If you have any questions about this project or the token of appreciation, you can ask me and I will do my best to answer. If there is a question I am not able to answer, you can directly contact the person you talked to at the health department about this survey, using the contact information they gave you. If you no longer have this contact information, you can call Osaro [oh-SAR-row] Mgbere [mm-BEH-re], co-Principal Investigator, at 832-260-2903.

**Now I will read you a consent statement and you can choose to provide your consent or not consent:**

***I agree to take part in the project described here. I have been read the statement, understand the statement, and all my questions have been answered, or I have been given contact information to get my questions answered by others. I understand that my participation is completely voluntary.***

Do you agree to take part in the survey?

Statement of Informed Consent [WB]

You were chosen for this survey because of your recent lived experiences related to HIV testing and diagnosis. Taking part in this

survey is up to you. You can choose to participate or not to participate. You do not have to do this survey if you do not want to. If you decide to take part, you may end the survey at any time. There are no penalties if you choose not to take part or not to finish the survey. If you are currently incarcerated, taking part in this survey will not affect your parole or release.

**Why we are doing this project**

Your health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are doing this survey to learn more about people living with HIV, including the services they use and need. We intend to use this information to help improve programs that keep people healthy and get them the help they need.

**What we will need from you**

If you choose to take part in this survey, we will ask you some personal questions.

Answering the questions will take about 50 minutes. You do not have to answer any question you do not want to answer.

The questions ask about your

- medical past
- use of medical and social services
- sex practices
- use of drugs and alcohol
- ability to work and take care of yourself and your family

We send the answers to CDC, but we don't send them your name. Instead, we will assign a code number to your answers. We do not send CDC any information that identifies you or could be traced back to you. Your answers are confidential. All project materials are kept in a locked cabinet or secure computer.

**What you can expect from us***Privacy*

We protect your privacy. All information you give us will be private and confidential.

Your records will be confidential as much as the law allows. Your answers will be grouped together with answers from other participants so that no one will know which answers are yours. We will send information from this project to CDC, but we will not send any information that could identify you. Federal law protects the confidentiality of information kept at CDC.

*Token of appreciation*

As a token of appreciation for participating in this interview, you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card code. If you choose to leave the interview early, you may keep the token of appreciation.

**Things to consider**

- There is no cost to you (other than your time and effort) for taking part in this survey.
- Depending on how you answer the questions, you may receive information about where to get medical or social services or how to avoid giving HIV to someone else.
- There are no direct benefits from taking part in this survey. However, the information you give us can help us improve services available to other people living with HIV.
- Some of the questions may make you feel uncomfortable or may be too personal. Remember: You do not have to answer any questions you do not wish to answer.

If you have any questions about this project or the token of appreciation, you can directly contact the person you talked to at the health department about this survey, using the contact information they gave you. If you no longer have this contact information, you can call Osaro Mgbere, co-Principal Investigator, at 832-260-2903.

**I agree to take part in the survey described here. I have read the statement, understand the statement, and all my questions have been answered, or I have been given contact information to get my questions answered by others. I understand that my participation is completely voluntary.**

**Do you agree to take part in the survey?**