**Attachment 10**

**Explanation for Sensitive Questions**

**Enhanced STD Surveillance Network (SSuN)**

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| Source | Variable Name | Potentially Sensitive Questions | Justification |
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|  | **P3\_PTX\_SexSP** | During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females or both?   * 1=Males only * 2=Females only * 3=Both Males and Females * 4=Unknown * 9=refused | Sex of sex partners is relevant to STD risk and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
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|  | **P3\_PTX\_Sxorient** | Do you consider yourself to be …?   * 1=Heterosexual/Straight (not Gay or Lesbian) * 2=Gay/Lesbian/Homosexual * 3=Bisexual * 4=Other/Don't Know * 9=Refused | Sexual orientation is behaviorally relevant and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
|  | **P3\_PTX\_SexMRSP** | Thinking back to the last time you had sex, was the  person you had sex with…(male/female)?  1=Male  2=Female | Sex of most recent sex partner is relevant to STD risk and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
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|  | **F1\_MENSEX** | How many male sex partners has the patient had in  the last 3 months? | Establishes sexual activity profile and is relevant to STD risk and understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors |
|  | **F1\_FEMSEX** | How many female sex partners has the patient had  in the last 3 months? | Establishes sexual activity profile and is relevant to STD risk and understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors |
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|  | **F1\_Sexor3** | Has the patient had sex with men, women, or both  over the past 3 months? | Sites must either collect both F1\_MENSEX andF1\_FEMSEX,or both F1\_SEXOR3 and NUMSEX. It is NOT necessary to collect all 4 variables. |
|  | **F1\_Sexuality** | Does the patient consider him/herself gay  (homosexual), straight, or bisexual?  1 = gay/homosexual  2= straight/heterosexual  3= bisexual  4= Other  9 = Not captured | Constructs a self-identified sexual activity profile of the patient |
|  | **F1\_HIV\_partner** | Does the patient report having sex with a known  HIV positive partner in the last 12 months?  1= Yes  2= No  3= Unsure/ doesn’t know  9= Not captured | Knowledge and behaviors of STI/HIV prevention among patients provide critical insight into ongoing risk |
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