

WOMEN'S INTERAGENCY HIV STUDY
QUESTION BY QUESTION SPECIFICATIONS
FORM 25: HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION

The *Health Care Utilization Form* is used to obtain information about the participant's access to health care in relation to disease progression. Stress to the participant that her responses are strictly confidential.

General Instructions:

1. For questions containing an open-ended specify box linked to the response "other," interviewers should print responses exactly in the words of the respondent.
2. Obtain the date the form was last administered from the *Visit Control Sheet (VCS)*. In most cases, this will be the date of the last core visit; however, if the previous visit was abbreviated, the date of the abbreviated visit should be used. The month in this date should be used in the questions wherever (MONTH) appears.

READ THE INTRODUCTION TO THE PARTICIPANT

SECTION C: HEALTH INSURANCE

The amount (or lack) of health insurance the participant has may affect her utilization of medical care and hence affect the progression of HIV disease. This section collects health insurance data.

- C2. The purpose of this question is to determine whether those participants without health insurance have applied for health insurance since their last study visit. If participant responds "NO," skip to **Question C13**. Ensure that the participant considers all types of insurance listed before responding. **(PROBE: Please include both private and public insurance programs (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare), dental insurance, and programs that help pay for medication.)**
- C3–C11: There are two parts to some of these questions. For the first section read the stem question "***Do you currently have...***" and then read the type of insurance in the box. **NOTE:** the time frame for these questions is "currently." If the participant lost her insurance coverage and no longer has it, code each question as "NO." If the participant answers "YES," ask subquestion "a" ***unless the box is shaded***. The purpose of subquestion "a" is to determine if the participant or her family pays for any part of her health insurance. The subquestion does not pertain to the types of insurance which are paid by the government; hence the boxes are shaded.
- C3. *Do not ask this question in the state of California. If you are in California, skip to **Question C4**.* In all other states, ask the participant "Do you currently have Medicaid?" and skip to **Question C5** because Question C4 is only asked of women living in California.
- C4. *Only ask this question in the state of California.* In California, ask the participant "Do you currently have Medi-CAL?"
- C7. Ask the participant "***Do you currently have CHAMPUS or other veteran's health insurance?***" If the participant ask "*What's CHAMPUS?*", the interviewer should not offer a definition, but rather say "***This question is asked of everyone; please answer it to the best of your understanding.***" The question should then be repeated, emphasizing "*or other veteran's health insurance.*" If the participant answers "NO," skip to **Question C8**. If the participant answers "YES," ask **Question C7a**.
- C8. Ask the participant "***Do you currently have student health coverage?***" If the participant answers "NO," skip to **Question C9**. If the participant answers "YES," ask **Question C8a**.
- C9. Ask the participant "***Do you currently have private insurance?***" If you need to further define the phrase, say "not including Medicaid or Medicare." If the participant answers "NO," skip to **Question C10**. If the participant answers "YES," ask **Question C9a**.

- C11. Ask the participant ***“Do you currently have other types of health insurance?”*** If the participant answers “NO,” proceed to **Question C12**. If the participant answers “YES,” record the name/type of health insurance on the line marked **“SPECIFY.”** Do not ask subquestion “a.”
- C13. All women are asked this question regardless of whether or not they have insurance or the type of insurance they may have. The key word here is *medical care*. This question is asked to find out if the participant has paid for any medical care, including prescription medications, and was not reimbursed since her (MONTH) study visit. *Do not* include over-the-counter medications. An over-the-counter medication is any medication which can be bought *without a prescription*.
- C14. Record the actual time you ended the module. Circle the AM (Code 1) or PM (Code 2). Remember to use leading zeros. For example: 08:00.