



Changes to Patient Characteristics Survey for 2015

Item	2015 Change	2013 PCS Question	Rationale
<p>2013 Gender Identity</p> <p>2015 Questions (5) Assigned Sex at Birth and (6) Transgender Identity</p>	<p>Split into two questions: Assigned sex at birth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Male - Female - Unknown <p>Client self-identifies as transgender?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No - Yes, transgender male to female -Yes, transgender female to male -Yes, transgender, does not identify as male or female - Client didn't answer -Unknown 	<p>Gender Identity was one question in 2013 PCS with the following responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Male -Female -Transgender Man (female at birth) -Transgender Woman (male at birth) -Unknown 	<p>To conform to best practices in survey construction.</p> <p>A separate transgender identity question should provide better estimate of when transgender identity is "Unknown."</p>
<p>2015 Question (7) Sexual Orientation</p>	<p>Sexual Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Straight or heterosexual - Lesbian or gay - Bisexual - Other -Client didn't answer - Unknown 	<p>Sexual Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Straight or heterosexual - Lesbian, gay or homosexual -Bisexual -Other -Unknown 	<p>Drop "Homosexual" to remove redundancy.</p> <p>For clarity, add "Client doesn't know or didn't answer."</p>
<p>Question (8) Hispanic Ethnicity</p>	<p>For those reported to be Hispanic, add drop-down menu of subgroups.</p> <p>Hispanic/not Hispanic categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No -Yes -Unknown <p>-If yes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cuban - Mexican - Puerto Rican 	<p>Hispanic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No -Yes -Unknown 	<p>Hispanics make up 23% of persons reported on the PCS survey.</p> <p>Latino subgroups experience different need for services.</p> <p>Subgroups reflect 2007-2011 US Census American Community Survey of Hispanic origins comprising at least 1% of NYS population. Cuban category added for cross-</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dominican - Ecuadorian - Other Hispanic - Unknown 		system consistencies.
Question (9) Race	<p>Add drop-down menu of subgroups for Black</p> <p>If checked,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -African-American -Afro-Caribbean -African Continent -Other Black -Unknown Black 	<p>Race (select all)</p> <p>White Black/African-American Asian Am. Indian/Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Other Unknown</p>	<p>Subgroups are not requested for other minority racial groups because they comprise less than 3% of the persons reported on the PCS, but Black/African - Americans make up 26% of persons reported on the PCS.</p> <p>Adding this detail captures differences across subgroups that may impact treatment.</p>
Question (11) Household composition	Amend item to add "Foster Parent" above "Other people unrelated to client."	<p><i>Answer if in private residence (Check all)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Not applicable, client is not in a private residence -Client lives alone -Client's child, stepchild, foster child, grandchild -Client's parent (biological, adoptive, stepparent) -Client's sibling(s) -Client's spouse or domestic partner -Other relatives of client not specified above -Other people unrelated to client -Unknown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children under public custody are a group of interest for Division for Children and Families. Some are in NYS Office of Children and Family Services custodial living situations, but that excludes persons living with foster parents. This addition will identify that group.
Question (16) Preferred Language	Amend title from "Primary" to "Preferred" Language.	Currently, 20 languages are listed, including Chinese and Indic.	Preferred Language is the information that is needed for providing interpreter services.

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	Split Chinese into Mandarin, Cantonese, Fujianese, Other Chinese. Split Indic languages into Hindi, Urdu and Other Indic.		List of languages reflects needs identified in the 2011-2012 Language Access survey, as well as the most common languages requested for interpretation in NYS Office of Mental Health facilities in May 2013.
Question (17) Current Military status	Change “Prior active military service” to “Prior or current active military service”	Prior active military service (Yes, No, Unknown)	Persons may be in active service but do not want use military MH services.
2013 PCS Committee on Special Education Classification	Drop item		This level of detail is no longer needed. The survey will retain “Receiving Special Education” question.
Question (24) Chronic Medical Condition	Add “other” chronic medical condition. Change “none of the above” to “none.”	Lists 16 chronic medical conditions, “none of the above” and “unknown.”	Requested by providers when clients have condition other than the 16 that are listed.
2013 PCS Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF)	Drop item		Not in Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) V
Questions (29) and (31) Diagnostic System used	Ask question separately for Primary Diagnosis and for Additional Diagnosis	Diagnostic System used - DSM IV or International Statistical Classification of Diseases (ICD)-9 - DSM V or ICD-10	A provider may still be in the process of converting from one system to another.
Question (34)	Dropped Family Health Plus	Health Insurance Coverage (Answer No, Yes, or Unknown) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid? -If Medicaid, Managed Medicaid? • Medicare? • Private Insurance? • Child Health Plus? • Family Health 	Family Health Plus was discontinued

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		Plus? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other Health Insurance?	

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