What’s New for the 2019 Patient Characteristics Survey (PCS)

This document summarizes changes to the survey form and data entry application for the 2019 Patient Characteristics Survey (PCS). For more information about the survey form and the data entry application, please visit the Patient Characteristics Survey (PCS) web page.

Changes to the Survey Form

- **Question 6 Transgender**: The “Yes, transgender does not identify as male or female” response option has been changed to “Yes, transgender, non-conforming”.

- **Question 16 Preferred Language**: Revised the Yiddish response to add Pennsylvania Dutch/Other West Germanic languages.

- **Question 15 Residence Zip Code**: We added 77777 to the list of zip codes and should be used when selecting “Other State in the United States” or “Other Country” Residence County option.

- **Question 24 Disability or Disorder**: Hearing and Visual Impairment are now two separate items (Questions 24i and 24j, respectively).

- **Question 25 Chronic Medical Conditions**: For each Chronic Medical Condition question (25a-q), you must individually select “No”, “Yes”, or “Unknown.” If all information for Chronic Medical Conditions is Unknown, select “Unknown” for all items. If patient has No Chronic Medical Conditions, select “No” for all items.

- **New Questions Added**:
  - Religious Preference (Question 17a)
  - Religious Affiliation (Question 17b)
  - Disability or Disorder: Opiate Related Disorder (Question 24g)
  - Disability or Disorder: Speech Impairment (Question 24k).
  - Cannabis Use: Recreational (Question 26)
  - Cannabis Use: Prescribed (Question 27)
  - Alcohol Use Counseling or Medication (Question 29)
  - Opiate Related Counseling or Medication (Question 30)
  - Any Other Drug/Substance Use Counseling or Medication (Question 31)

- **“Not Applicable” Responses**: For Questions 8b, 9h, 11, 17b, 20, 23, and 36b the response “Not Applicable” are options.
• **Criminal Justice or Juvenile Status Question:** “Drug Court Treatment” has been added to the “Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) status, Mental Health Court, Court Diversion” response option.

• **Date of Client Service:** Dates were revised to reflect the 2019 Survey Week (October 21- October 27).

**Changes to the Data Entry Application**

More information coming soon.