



Assent form for Minors (for Phases 1 & 2)

MINOR’S PERMISSION FOR INTERVIEW (AGE 15-17)

We are doing a research study called The National Survey of Family Growth. Your parent or guardian says that you may take part. This study is being done for the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics. The University of Michigan does the interviews. The survey has questions on family life, marriage, family planning, sexual experience, pregnancy, health and health care. We also ask your thoughts about these topics. The interviewer will only ask questions that make sense for you. The information will be used to help improve health services and health education programs for teens and adults. The interview lasts about 60 minutes. Answers will be put into a laptop computer.

You will be part of a sample that represents the teenagers in the U.S. Your help is very important because you represent thousands of others. To thank you for your help in this study, we will give you \$40.

By Federal law, the answers you give are confidential and we will take all possible steps to protect your privacy. We will not share them with your parents or other family members. They will be used for statistical research only. To keep the answers private we will do the interview in private. This brochure answers questions people sometimes ask about the study.

It’s your choice to do the interview or not. Saying yes or no to being in the survey will not change any benefits you get now or ever. For most people, the survey is interesting and enjoyable. Some of the questions in the interview may be sensitive for some people. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to. You can stop at any time.

You may have questions about your rights as a participant in this research study. If so, please call the office of the Research Ethics Review Board at the National Center for Health Statistics, toll free, at 1-800-223-8118. Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number. Say that you are calling about Study Number **2011-11**. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. If you have other questions about the survey, you may call Dr. Anjani Chandra or Dr. Gladys Martinez (toll-free) at NCHS: **1-866-227-8347**, or visit the NSFG webpage: www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm.

If you agree to take part in this study, please sign this form. Thank you again for being part of our survey.

I have read the study letter and brochure. I agree to take part in the survey.

I received the \$40 token of appreciation.

I refused the \$40 token of appreciation.

Respondent’s Signature

Respondent’s Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Interviewer’s Signature