**CHIP (Choices in Pregnancy) - Demonstration Project**

**Individual Interview Guide: Pregnant Women**

**I. Preamble**

To get started, it would help if you could tell me a bit about your experience with the Partner’s Demonstration Project.

1. Thinking back, how did you learn about the research study, in the first place?
2. What made you decide to participate in the research study? [Probes, if needed: avoid HIV for self; avoid HIV for child; free or low-cost medical care; help researchers/future patients; social pressure; incentive; other]

**II. HIV Prevention vs. Other Choices**

1. A woman’s risk of getting HIV can be affected by many different factors, some of which may be under her control and others not. How would you describe the risk of HIV for pregnant and breastfeeding women in your community?
2. The next question is about HIV prevention. Do you think women in your community, would prefer abstinence, using condoms or taking a medication to prevent getting HIV?
   1. Why? What is better about one over the other?
   2. In your opinion, what are the advantages of PrEP?
   3. What are the disadvantages of PrEP?
3. Tell me about your decision to become pregnant. Clarification if needed: Was the pregnancy planned or did it happen unexpectedly?
   1. If planned: With whom did you talk about the decision to become pregnant while taking PrEP?
   2. If planned: What information did people share with you that helped you reach a decision?
4. When you found out you were pregnant, what questions or concerns did you have?
5. Who did you talk with about your questions or concerns? What information did they share with you?
6. Tell me about your decision about PrEP once you learned you were pregnant.
   1. How did you make that choice? What things did you think about?
   2. What information was the most important to you in making that decision?
   3. Who did you talk with when making your decision?
   4. What other information or support would you like to have had?
   5. Would you make the same choice if you had to make the decision again today?
   6. In light of your experience, what advice would you give to another woman who faces the same choice—who is on PrEP to prevent HIV and who becomes pregnant?
7. Which women should be provided offered PrEP, in your opinion?
   1. Probes, if needed: women at increased risk (define); all women of childbearing age; women who are pregnant/not pregnant]

**III. Research Policy Questions**

1. If you could share your opinion with the people writing the rules about including or not including pregnant women in HIV research, what would you tell them? What should they be thinking about from your perspective?
   1. Should pregnant women participate in this kind of research (if they want to)?
   2. Who, if anyone, should they discuss this decision with?

**Closing and Wrap-Up**

Thank you. This has been very helpful and we’ve reached the end of the questions I had for you today.

1. Do you have any other questions or comments for us, or other issues you have not had a chance to mention?

Again, we know you are very busy with your lives and families. Thank you so much for sharing your ideas with us today. We hope this will help to improve how health providers and researchers talk with women about these decisions and help support them. Thank you very much. If you think of anything else you would like to say we will give you all a way to contact us with further comments. Have a lovely day and safe travels.