



Q: WHAT IS SEXUAL ORIENTATION?

A: **Sexual orientation** is how a person describes their emotional and sexual attraction to others.

Q: WHAT IS GENDER IDENTITY?

A: **Gender identity** is a person's inner sense of their gender. For example, a person may think of themselves as man, as a woman, as a combination of man and woman, or as another gender

Q: HOW DO I CHOOSE THE CORRECT INFORMATION?

A: There are no right or wrong answers. If you don't find an answer that fits, you can choose "Something else" or "Other." You can also talk with your provider

Q: WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION?

A: You do not have to answer the questions. Your provider may discuss this decision with you privately.

Q: WHO WILL SEE THIS INFORMATION?

A: Your health information is private and only members of your healthcare team may see these answers.

Q: WHY AM I BEING ASKED ABOUT MY SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY?

A: Our hope is that by talking more about sexual orientation and gender identity we will deliver better health services to all of the patients in our network – including our LGBT patients.

Q: HOW WILL THIS INFORMATION BE USED?

A: Your provider(s) will use this information to better meet your health care needs. In addition, gathering this information from all patients allows the health center to see gaps in care or services across different populations. Ultimately, we aim to close these gaps, and improve the care we give to all of our patients.

Welcome.