

# STATE REQUIRED ETHNICITY AND RACE QUESTIONS

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas law requires the Texas Health Care Information Collection Subunit to collect information on the race/ethnic backgrounds of hospital patients. Hospitals are required to ask patients to identify their own race and ethnic backgrounds.

*The data obtained through this process will be used to assist researchers in determining whether or not all citizens of Texas are receiving access to adequate health care.*

If patients fail to identify their own race and ethnic backgrounds, hospital staff will use its best judgment in making the identification.

## QUESTIONS

### Question #1: Ethnic Background

*(mark the box that the patient believes most accurately identifies his/her ethnic background)*

Is the patient . . . ?

- (1) **Hispanic/Latino** (21352)
- (2) **Not Hispanic/Latino** (21865)

### Question #2: Race

*(mark the box that the patient believes most accurately identifies his/her race)*

Is the patient . . . ?

- (1) **American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut** (10025)
- (2) **Asian or Pacific Islander** (20289)
- (3) **Black** (20545)
- (4) **White** (21063)
- (5) **Other** *Includes all other responses not listed above. Patients who consider themselves as multiracial or mixed should choose this category.* (21311)

