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CULTURAL COMPETENCY:

The State of New Jersey mandates that every physician document any barrier to care including cultural and linguistic needs in the medical record. Factors affecting care are visual or auditory factors which may impede the member's ability to comprehend medical discussion, language, cultural and/or religious customs, which may impact the provider's ability to provide medical care. Addressing these needs will improve patient satisfaction and also decrease health care disparities. When documenting cultural competency in the members medical record, it's important to document if no barriers exist.

EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE USED:

Do you have any impairment- (i.e. Visual, hearing, speech, learning, physical and language/cultural barrier)

WHAT LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK, READ OR WRITE:

DO YOU HAVE ANY RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL CUSTOMS THAT THE DOCTOR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

(Circle one) Yes No

IF YES PLEASE DESCRIBE:

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES:

Advance directives is federal and state mandated self-determination act enacted in 1990. This allows the patient to provide specific instruction and direction regarding his or her own medical care wishes if they become incapacitated. The patient-physicians relationship provides a direct opportunity for you to discuss these types of decisions with your patient. Physicians need to talk and document in the medical record for all patients who are 18 years of age and older.

Do you have a living will or advance directive?

(Circle one) Yes No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT A LIVING WILL?

(Circle one) Yes No

Patient Name _____