**Template for Suggested Deletions to the DHS-7 Model Questionnaires and Optional Modules**

# **Section I. Information about the requesting party**

Is this request being submitted on behalf of a group? If so, please provide the name of the group and the participating parties.

# **Section II. Suggested deletions and rationales**

Please list the DHS-7 question numbers and text you propose to delete and the rationale for deletion.

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| **DHS-7 Question Number** | **Question text** | **Rationale for deletion** |
| NB5 | Was it new or had it ever been used before? | We had trained observers report on this indicator and it was thrown out at the end, because it was difficult to know at the time of delivery whether it was new or boiled or sterilized. Sterilization also occurs using different techniques that may not actually be sterile. I suggest deleting this question and the one below. |
| NB6 | Was it boiled before it was used to cut the cord?  | See above. |
| CH3 | How long after the cord was cut was chlorhexidine first applied? | This will lead to poor recall. I recommend removing this and monitoring this in programs rather than a DHS. |
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