WA-HB 1272: Special Populations – Race, Ethnicity, Language

Important: Changes to Race and Ethnicity

Effective **June 6, 2023**, there will be several changes to the Race and Ethnicity sections within the Registration fields in Epic. Many of the current entries will be deactivated and caregivers will need to take action.

The changes to the tables include:

- Ethnicity will increase from 4 to 7 choices.
- Ethnicity option of "Hispanic or Latino" will be deactivated.
- Race will now have 82 entries to select (previously only 8 options).
- Race option for "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander" will be deactivated and
- replaced by either "Hawaiian" or "Pacific Islander."

When asking existing patients with a deactivated entry in the Race or Ethnicity Fields, use the following **scripting**:

> "At Providence we want to ensure that everyone receives the highest quality of care, and we've updated our system to include more specific information about the race and ethnic background of our patients. Our system now provides an opportunity for you to choose more selections for your Race and Ethnicity."

For deactivated "Hispanic or Latino" in Ethnicity, ask:

"I see that you had previously selected Hispanic or Latino. Do you consider yourself Hispanic, non-Hispanic, Cuban, or Other?

- 'Yes', to Hispanic or Cuban follow up with- "Do you consider yourself Hispanic, Latino,
- Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Another Hispanic/Latino/Spanish Origin?" and update
- ethnicity field to the patient's selection.
- No – Select 'Not of Hispanic/Latino or Spanish Origin'

For deactivated "Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander" in Ethnicity, ask:

"I see that you had previously selected Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. What race do you identify with?"

- Update race field appropriately.

For New Patient entry of the Race or Ethnicity fields

See the Race and Ethnicity Job Aid here: Race and Ethnicity