IHELP Social History Tool

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***1. “Let me ask you some questions I ask every family.”*** | |
| **I**  -Income  -Insurance | Do you have any concerns about **making ends meet**?  Do you have any concerns about **your child’s health insurance**? |
| **H**  -Hunger  -Housing Conditions  -Homeless | Do you have any concerns about **having enough food**?  *● Have you ever been worried whether your food would run out before you got money to buy more?*  *● Within the past year has the food you bought ever not lasted and you didn’t have money to get more?*  Do you have any concerns about **poor housing conditions like mice, mold, cockroaches?**  Do you have any concerns about **being evicted or not being able to pay the rent?**  Do you have any concerns about **not being able to pay your mortgage?** |
| **E**  -Education/Special Ed  -Ensuring Safety (Violence) | Do you have any concerns about **your child’s educational needs?**  **[DO NOT ASK IN FRONT OF CHILD 3 OR OLDER OR IN FRONT OF OTHER PARTNER]** “*From speaking to families, I have learned that violence in the home is common and now I ask all families about violence in the home.* Do you have any concerns about violence in your home?” |
| **L**  -Legal Status (Immigration) | **What hospital was your child born in?**  ● If not in U.S.**: “Are you aware that your child may be eligible for benefits even though they were not born in the U.S.? If you would like, I can have a social worker come talk to you about some possible benefits your child may be eligible. Would you like me to do that?”** |
| **P**  -Power of Attorney  -Guardianship | **Are you the biological mother or father of this child?**  *● [If not] “Can you show me the power of attorney or guardianship document you have?”*  *●\*\*PATIENTS >17+ with Mental Incapacity: Ask for Guardianship: Are you the biological mother* |

Source: Personal communication on March 17,2017 from Jeffrey Colvin, MD, JD, Department of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and Department of General Academic Pediatrics, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics (CMH) in Kansas City, Missouri.