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***Messaging to Introduce and Offer Feedback on Substance Use Screens***

***Introduce the Screen***

*We, your team, would like to know more about you so we can better help you, and are asking all patients to complete these questions about your wellness and use of alcohol and other substances. The results of these screens with be used by you and your healthcare team to plan the best care for you and your baby.*

***Ask:*** *Would it be okay if I share with you the results of your questionnaire? If it is okay, we can have a conversation about the results.*

***[If the patient says yes….]***



***Offer Feedback on the Screen’s Results:***

*People who answered the questionnaire like you are generally at risk for experiencing harm.*

*What do you make of this information?*

***Explore: Ask what the patient knows, has heard, or would like to know***

*What do you already know about \_\_\_\_ and how to manage it?*

*What have you heard about \_\_\_\_\_?*

*What are your concerns about \_\_\_\_?*

***Ask for Permission Before Sharing information***

*Is it okay with you if I tell you what we know?*

*Can I share some information with you?*

***Offer information in a neutral, nonjudgmental manner***

*Others have benefited from…*

*Folks have found….*

*What we know is….*

*What we generally recommend is…*



***Explore: Ask about thoughts, feelings, and reactions***

*What do you think about this information?*

*Where does this leave you in terms of \_\_\_\_.*

*What thoughts or questions do you have about what I’ve said?*

*Based on these ideas, what could you see yourself doing?*

***Support the Patient’s Autonomy***

*How can I support your next steps?*