Invite Home: Biomarker Study

1. **What is the Biomarker study?**

In this part of the study, we are exploring whether people can collect small hair samples and small blood samples at home. These samples help us measure the amount of HIV medication in the body. By comparing samples taken before and after starting treatment at home, we can see whether medication administered at home by a treatment buddy achieve the same levels as medication given in a clinic by a healthcare professional.

2. **What do you have to do for this study?**

If you join this study, you'll be asked to collect a small hair sample and a small blood sample (called a dried blood spot) at home. You'll do this **before** your first at home-injections and again after 2 months **before** your second at home injection. We will give you clear video and paper instructions, and all the supplies you need to do this safely and easily at home.

3. **What is the incentive for taking part in this study?**

If you take part in this study, you will receive a total of **$185** via an electronic gift card. This includes $80 for set of samples (hair and blood) at start of the study and again at 2 months and one-time $25 for completing a one-time survey at 2 months.

4. **What does the sample collection process look like?**

You will receive both verbal and written instructions on how to self-collect the hair and blood samples. During your first home visit, you will give the collected samples to the study personnel present before receiving your injection.

Your second visit will be either a home visit or a virtual (video) visit.

- If it is a home visit, you will again hand over the collected samples to the study personnel before the injection is given.
- If it is a virtual visit, you will collect the samples yourself prior to receiving the injection and then mail them to the laboratory using a pre-stamped, mail-in package that we will provide.

At the end of your second visit, you will also be asked to **complete a short online survey** about your experience with collecting the blood and hair samples.