

## NHIS Questionnaire Reference Guide

- **?(F1)**: Indicates there is a help screen for this question. This icon usually appears before the question text.
- **(book)**: Indicates there is a flashcard associated with this question. The flashcard number is found to the right of the (book) icon. This icon usually appears before the question text.
- Text preceded by an asterisk (\*) indicates that there is some type of interviewer instruction associated with a question. Examples of interviewer instructions include:

**\*Read if necessary/\*Read lead-in if necessary**: Indicates the interviewer can choose whether or not to read the lead-in text in a repeating series of questions

**\*Enter all that apply, separate with commas**: This is an interviewer instruction for enter-all-that-apply items. The interview software for multiple-choice questions contains one data entry box, with a comma used to separate entries.

**\*Enter applicable line number(s), separate with commas**: Similar to item above, this is an interviewer instruction for enter-all-that-apply questions where the response options are numbers associated with persons.

**\*Ask or verify**: Indicates the interviewer can choose to read the question text or simply verify a prior response by the respondent.

**\*Enter up to “n” responses, separate with commas**: Indicates the interviewer may enter up to the designated limit of responses.

**\*Hand calendar card/\*Please hand calendar card to the respondent**: Instruction requesting the interviewer to hand a calendar card, demarcating question reference periods, to the respondent.

**\*Read all categories**: An instruction requiring the interviewer to read the response categories.

- **[fill]**: indicates there is a conditional fill in the question text.  
Example: “[fill: Do you/Does ALIAS]”
- **(fill roster of persons...)**: This is a programming instruction to fill names of eligible persons on the screen. This instruction is almost always accompanied by the “\*Read names” interviewer instruction.
- **1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.**: Notation indicating a multi-part question. For example, “1 of 2” would denote the first part of a two-part question.
- **R,D**: In skip instructions, “R” refers to answers of “Refused” and “D” refers to “Don’t know”.

**To further clarify instrument operation and flow, notes have been added to some items just below the skip instructions.**

## Section Order of the 2007 NHIS

### **Coverage Section**

COV – Coverage

### **Household Section**

HHC – Household Composition

### **Family Section**

FID – Family Identification

FHS – Family Health Status and Limitations

FIJ – Family Injuries and Poisonings

FAU – Family Access to Health Care and Utilization

FHI – Family Health Insurance

FSD – Family Socio-Demographic

FIN – Family Income

### **Sample Child Section**

CID – Child Identification

CHS – Child Health Status and Limitations

CAU – Child Access to Health Care and Utilization

CMB – Child Mental Health Brief Questionnaire

CMS – Child Mental Health Services

CFI – Child Influenza Immunization

CAL – Child Alternative Health/Complementary and Alternative Medicine

### **Sample Adult Section**

AID – Adult Identification

ASD – Adult Socio-Demographic

ACN – Adult Conditions

AHS – Adult Health Status and Limitations

AHB – Adult Health Behaviors

AAU – Adult Access to Health Care and Utilization

ADS – AIDS Knowledge and Attitudes

ALT – Adult Alternative Health/Complementary and Alternative Medicine