

## 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 interview 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 separates 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.
  - \*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 2012 NHIS

### **Coverage Section**

COV – Coverage

### **Household Section**

HHC – Household Composition

### **Family Section**

FID – Family Identification  
FHS – Family Health Status and Limitations  
FFS – Family Food Security  
FIJ – Family Injuries and Poisonings  
FAU – Family Access to Health Care and Utilization  
FHI – Family Health Insurance  
FSD – Family Socio-Demographic  
FIN – Family Income  
FDB – Family Disability Questions Test

### **Sample Child Section**

CID – Child Identification  
CHS – Child Health Status and Limitations  
CAU – Child Access to Health Care and Utilization  
CCD – Child Voice, Speech, and Language  
CBL – Child Balance  
CMB – Child Mental Health Brief Questionnaire  
CMS – Child Mental Health Services  
CFI – Child Influenza Immunization  
CDB – Child Disability Questions Test  
CAL – Child Complementary and Alternative Medicine

### **Sample Adult Section**

AID – Adult Identification  
ASD – Adult Socio-Demographic  
ACN – Adult Conditions  
ACD – Adult Voice, Speech, and Language  
AHS – Adult Health Status and Limitations  
AHB – Adult Health Behaviors  
AAU – Adult Access to Health Care and Utilization  
AFD – Adult Functioning and Disability  
ADB – Adult Disability Questions Test  
ALT – Adult Complementary and Alternative Medicine  
AWB – Adult Internet and Email Usage