

## 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 2018 NHIS**

COV - Coverage  
HHC – Household Composition

### Family:

FID – Family Identification  
FHS – Family Health Status  
FFS – Family Food Security  
FAU – Family Access and Utilization  
FHI – Family Health Insurance  
FSD – Family Sociodemographic  
FIN – Family Income  
FLG – Family English Language

### Sample Child:

CID – Child Identification  
CHS – Child Health Status  
CAU – Child Access and Utilization  
CMB – Child Mental Health Brief SDQ  
CFI – Child Flu Immunization

### Sample Adult:

AID – Adult Identification  
ASD – Adult Sociodemographic  
ACN – Adult Conditions  
AHS – Adult Health Status  
AHB – Adult Health Behaviors  
AAU – Adult Access and Utilization  
ASI – Adult Selected Items  
NAF – Adult Cancer Screening  
AFD – Adult Functioning and Disability  
AWB – Adult Web and Internet Use