Subject: Re: SAS datasets in NFHS data
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I think the program StatTransfer will change the SAS formats for you, but it costs a couple hundred dollars (if you don't know anyone who has it).

My understanding of (guess at is probably closer) the repeated variables is that it was a choice the DHS made during recoding so that certain variables would always be part of certain sections. Different recodes contain different modules of information, and sometimes those modules require the same information. It is also the case that sometimes the definition changes very slightly from one variable to another as was discussed in relation to rural/urban/town*. Is there a particular variable you were worried about? A first step would just be to see if the variable has exactly the same value for all observations, in which case it wouldn't matter which one you used.

*see http://userforum.measuredhs.com/index.php?t=tree&th=60&goto=1001&S=03ecac4273cad0ea824286858fa659c9#msg_1001