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Subject: Re: Generating ID variable

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

The only complication with this is that you need to insert leading zeroes when the cluster code is less than 100. The following lines will do this within the PR file.

```
gen str3 strhv001=string(hv001)
replace strhv001="0"+string(hv001) if hv001<100
replace strhv001="00"+string(hv001) if hv001<10
replace strhv001="BD2014"+strhv001
```

The constructed variable will automatically reset to 9 columns, even though it started with 3.

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