Subject: Re: Colombia DHS 2015 Treatment-seeking behavior Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Thu, 24 May 2018 15:13:55 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialist, Shea Rutstein:

The labels for sh91 in English are incorrect. They should be:

- 1) general practitioner, specialist practitioner, dentist, therapist, health institute;
- 2) pharmacy, drug store;
- 3) home remedies;
- 4) self-medication;
- 5) nothing;
- 6) other

They will be corrected.

Sh91 responses are for all qh88 multiple response categories. They need to be tabulated selecting for yes on sh88a (illness). However, if there are two or more positive responses on qh88, then even selecting for yes on sh88a will not be specific responses for illness. But note that qh91 is hierarchical so for example if someone was ill in the last 30 days and self-medicated (took aspirin and drank tea with honey) and had a dental problem and went to see a dentist, selecting yes on sh88a would produce response number 1. Only for those respondents with just one response to qh88 (only sh88a and not the other sh88 vars) would have an unambiguous answer on sh91.

Best regards, Shea