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Subject: Binary Variables Expanded to Six Categories

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Dear Sirs,

I am working on the Individual Recode files of Egypt's EDHS 2000 and 2008 using Stata.

I understand that a variable such as who attended at the delivery (m3) is coded by DHS as a set of binary variables (m3a, m3b, etc.)

for each possible option (doctor, nurse/midwife, etc.). What I do NOT understand is why m3a is expanded into m3a\_1, m3a\_2,...m3a\_6. Is that to deal with the case of a woman giving birth to 6 children for example?

Thank you.

Amira

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