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Subject: Postnatal care utilization variable in 2015-2016 MDHS dataset

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Dear DHS team,

I am working on the 2015-2016 Malawi Demographic and Health Survey dataset using SPSS. I would like to estimate the percentage of women who received a postnatal check during the first 2 days after birth (among women aged 15-49 who gave birth in the 2 years before the survey).

I have selected (b19 < 24) to restrict my analysis to women who gave birth in the last two years before the survey but my results didn't match those that are in the 2015-2016 report. I found that 43.4% of women who gave birth in the last two years had a postnatal check during the first 2 days instead of 42.4% which is in the report. Is it that the figure in the report is not correct or my calculations are wrong?

Please also help me on how to manage missing values in this variable? I am trying to replicate the results on column 10 in the table 9.9 in the report.

Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you

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