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Subject: Re: v467 - Getting medical help for self - label  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

You are right, this is a counter-intuitive sequence. I believe it originated as follows. Look at one of the questionnaires--for example the one for the Albania 2017-18 DHS, in Appendix E of the main report on that survey, question 1231. The response codes are 1 (big problem), 2 (small problem), and 3 (no problem). This sequence makes sense during interviewing. However, in the IR file for this survey (ALIR71FL.dta), the variables v467a etc. are coded as you describe:

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. label list V467A
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V467A:
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    0 no problem
```

```
    1 big problem
```

```
    2 not a big problem
```

I think a data processing decision was made that code 3 on the questionnaire should be changed to code 0 in the data files. Most categories with "no" or "none", for other variables, are assigned the value 0. I can confirm that the 0-1-2 codes are indeed correct, even though they are not consistent with the ordinality of the labels.