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Subject: Re: MMR & PRMRatio (pregnancy related mortality ratio)

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Hi Placid

AM\_gfr.do appears to run ok because all it is doing is defining up the 'program's that are being called by AM\_rates.do. When AM\_rates.do is running it calls the programs that are defined in AM\_gfr.do, and it is in the code defined in AM\_gfr.do that the error appears. The message about using the old merge syntax is not important - it is using older syntax, but that part still works properly, as you can see by the tab \_merge output that follows. We need to find the actual command that it is failing on, which is buried in the code.

Line 1346 is main\_adult\_mm\_mortality, which calls several other programs, and it is in these programs, many of which are in AM\_gfr.do that the problem occurs. For example, you can see in your output that temp1.dta is saved. This happens in line 330 of AM\_gfr.do. After this the programs setup\_GFR, make\_exposure\_and\_births, and calc\_rates are run. Setup\_gfr is fairly simple and seems to have run. I think the issue is in the make\_exposure\_and\_births program. Can you try commenting out the recast command on line 202? I think it is possible that the recast command does not exist in your version of Stata, and it also looks like it is not needed. Please send me your output after trying this. Good luck.