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Subject: Re: Unmet Need and No Demand Categories  
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Hi Charlotte

I think what you are suggesting would work, but note that the "no unmet need" group (v626a=7) includes:

- 1) Pregnant women who wanted the current pregnancy
- 2) Postpartum amenorrheic women (period not returned since last live birth in last 2 years) who wanted the last birth at that time
- 3) Other women who are fecund and want a child within 2 years

As long as you are ok having all of these in your second category then this should work.

See figure 2 on the following web page: <https://www.dhsprogram.com/topics/Unmet-Need.cfm>

You can confirm this by looking at the cases in each group and checking the "wantedness" variable for them:

- 1) Pregnant women (v213 == 1): all cases coded 7 on v626a should have v225 = 1
- 2) Postpartum amenorrheic women (v215 < 324 [24 months]): all cases coded 7 on v626a should have m10\_1 = 1
- 3) Other fecund women: all cases coded 7 on v626a should have v605 = 1

You can see code of how to construct the unmet need that you could adapt and create your own coding, on the same page linked above. At the bottom of the page you will find general code and survey specific code. I would use the survey specific code, which includes all survey specific coding that we were aware of at the time of writing.

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