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Subject: Re: creating place of ANC variable in 2005, 2011 and 2016 EDHS  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2022 14:42:14 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Your Stata code looks good but I have a couple of comments. (1) You initialize rh\_anc\_place at 20, but your label does not include 20. Perhaps you want to have a numeric code for women who did not have any ANC visits. If so, that code should be included in the label. (2) When converting a multiple options variable such as m57\* to a set of mutually exclusive categories, DHS recommends sequencing them so that higher quality options come later. I think that's what you have done, except that "home" is last on your list. It should be first, because it is the lowest quality option. (But I'm surprised that "home" is even an option for ANC visits.)

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