Bill,

A reply from Cameron Taylor and Rebecca Winter:
Hi Bill
The discrepancy between the age variables you mentioned (ir:v012 and pr: ha1/ mr:mv012 and pr:hb1) can be explained by the way DHS calculates the variables v012 and mv012. These variables are calculated from the century month code of the respondent's date of birth.

This calculation can best be summarized in the DHS Standard Recode Manual for DHS 6. The calculation for v012 can be found on page 34. This explanation is also applicable to the male variable mv012.

"Current age in completed years is calculated from the century month code of the date of birth of the respondent (V011) and the century month code of the date of interview (V008). In a few cases the age in the data file will be different from that reported by the respondent when the respondent's birthday was in the month of interview, but she had not yet had her birthday. If the respondent correctly reported her age at her last birthday (and not her age at her next birthday) then the calculated age was rounded up from the reported age, to avoid inconsistencies between the age and the century month code for the birth."

Please let us know if you have any additional questions

Thanks,
Sarah-DHS