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Subject: What does it means M2A\$1 - DHS Women's dataset

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Dear All,

I am new in using DHS.

Currently, I am trying to analyze DHS, specifically women dataset (coded : IR).

Inside the dataset, there are variables names that I could not understand how does it stands for.

From the codebook, the variable coded as:

M2A-N

with explanation as follows : The type of person who gave prenatal care to the respondent prior to the birth. This question

has multiple coding categories and each category is recorded separately in these variables. Most of the categories are standard (M2A, B, C, F, G, J, N), however room has been left for country-specific categories (M2D, E, H, I, K, L). Any category not used in a particular country is left blank.

However, from the dataset, the variables are: M2A\$1, M2A\$2, M2A\$3,.. M2A\$6.

M2A stands for prenatal care given by doctor.

My question is what is "\$1 ... \$6" stands for?

Thank you

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