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Subject: Measuring postnatal care for baby (M70)

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I'm trying to perform a cross-national analysis of DHS data that includes a variable assessing whether or not a baby received postnatal care within a certain time period, using M70/M71. In looking through the recodes, M70 (baby postnatal check within 2 mos) seems to have a large number of "Not applicable" responses. I can't see where these responses are coming from based on the skip patterns in the questionnaires (they do not seem to be babies born only at home vs. in a facility as identified in M15, for example). This is the case in a number of the surveys I'm looking at, but Bangladesh 2011 and Benin 2011-12 are two examples.

Can anyone provide any clarification on where these "Not applicable"s are coming from? Thanks in advance.

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