
Subject: v467 - Getting medical help for self - label
Posted by [Nadja_F](#) on Tue, 15 Oct 2019 15:24:31 GMT
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Hello,

I have got a question regarding the labels of v467 (v467a, v467b, v467c, v467d, v467e, v467f) in the IR, the variable regarding getting medical help for self.

I obtain the following labels:

For value 0, the label is "no problem".
For value 1, the label is "big problem"
For value 2, the label is "small problem"

Is this labelling correct? I am confused, as the jump from no problem to big problem to small problem seems counterintuitive.

Thanks a lot for your help.

Subject: Re: v467 - Getting medical help for self - label
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 15 Oct 2019 16:42:27 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

You are right, this is a counter-intuitive sequence. I believe it originated as follows. Look at one of the questionnaires--for example the one for the Albania 2017-18 DHS, in Appendix E of the main report on that survey, question 1231. The response codes are 1 (big problem), 2 (small problem), and 3 (no problem). This sequence makes sense during interviewing. However, in the IR file for this survey (ALIR71FL.dta), the variables v467a etc. are coded as you describe:

```
. label list V467A  
V467A:  
    0 no problem  
    1 big problem  
    2 not a big problem
```

I think a data processing decision was made that code 3 on the questionnaire should be changed to code 0 in the data files. Most categories with "no" or "none", for other variables, are assigned the value 0. I can confirm that the 0-1-2 codes are indeed correct, even though they are not consistent with the ordinality of the labels.
