# HRS 2010: Module 9 Proxy Reports of Health

Who get asked this module: Self-respondents who are assigned to module 9 in preload variable (A009=1 and X009=9) or any proxy for a living Respondent (A009 NOT 1 and A007=1) no matter what their module assignment. Married or partnered self-respondents and spouse proxies are asked about their Spouse's/Partner's health, non-spouse proxies are asked about the health of the respondent, and uncoupled, self-respondents are asked about their own health.

<u>Fills:</u> IF this is a proxy [A009=2, 3, or 4] interview, use respondent's name or he/she for fills; ELSE IF this is a self interview and R is coupled, [A009=1 AND X065=1-4] the respondent's name or "he/she" fills should be used.

ELSE IF this is a self interview and R is uncoupled, [A009=1 AND X065=6] questions will be asked about R's own health/change in health, so the fill is "you".

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V000 BRANCHPOINT: IF THIS IS A PROXY FOR A LIVING RESPONDENT
(A009/A155 NOT 1 AND A007 = 1), OR
(THIS IS A SELF-INTERVIEW AND R IS ASSIGNED TO MODULE 9
(A009/A155 = 1 AND X009=9)), CONTINUE ON TO V000
OTHERWISE, GO TO V000 BRANCHPOINT FOR MODULE 10

# V000\_ModuleIntro

Although we have finished the interview, we would like to ask you a few new questions. Some questions may be similar to questions we have already asked you, but the researchers are interested in how people respond when the questions are changed just a little.

IWER: If R refused before starting a module, ENTER 9. If R started to do a module and then changed his/her mind, ENTER 99

- 1. R is willing
- 9. R refused at Module Intro GO TO END OF MODULES
- 99. R refused after starting Module GO TO END OF MODULES

# **Programming notes:**

o Create variable V401 (has no question text) so that it will be available for users.

<V401>
V401\_ProxyCouplnss
Proxy and Coupleness Status

[Note to Programmer: NO QUESTION TEXT, NO SCREEN]

- 1. Non-spouse/partner Proxy R (coupled or uncoupled) [A009=3]
- 2. Spouse/Partner Proxy R [A009=2 OR 4]
- 3. Coupled Self R reporting about Spouse/Partner, [A009=1 AND X065=1-4]
- 4. Uncoupled Self R reporting on Self [A009=1 AND X065=6]

V402 BRANCHPOINT: IF THIS IS A PROXY INTERVIEW OR AN UNCOUPLED SELF-INTERVIEW [V401 = 1 OR 2 OR 4)] GO TO V403 BRANCHPOINT

<V402>

V402 RateHealth

Rate health of spouse or partner

We'd like to ask a few questions about what you think about your (husband/wife/partner)'s health.

How would you rate [his/her] health? Would you say it is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?

- 1. Excellent
- 2. Very good
- 3. Good
- 4. Fair
- 5. Poor
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

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QUESTIONS V403 THROUGH V412 COLLECT DATA ABOUT THE RESPONDENT. V413 THROUGH V422 COLLECT DATA ABOUT THE RESPONDENT'S SPOUSE OR PARTNER.

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**V403-V412** Collects data for the following scenarios:

- Non-spouse/partner Proxy for R (coupled or uncoupled) [A009=3]
- Spouse/Partner Proxy for R [A009=2 OR 4]
- Uncoupled Self R reporting on Self [A009=1 AND X065=6]

V413-V422 Collects data for the following scenario:

• Coupled Self R reporting about Spouse/Partner, [A009=1 AND X065=1-4]

V403 BRANCHPOINT: IF THIS IS A COUPLED SELF-INTERVIEW [A009=1 AND X065=1-4] GO TO V413 BRANCHPOINT

Programmer note: proxy interviews will use the proxy language version of the questions; the remaining respondents in V403-V412 will be self interviews of uncoupled Rs and will use the wording "you".

<V403> V403\_RWalking If difficulty walking or with stairs

# Note to Programmer: Add this text to Proxy language:

We'd like to ask a few questions about what you think about [RNAME]'s health.

# **ASK EVERYONE**

Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V404>
V404\_RDressing
If difficulty dressing or bathing

Do you have difficulty dressing or bathing?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V405>

V405\_RJudgment

Judgment or making bad decisions

Now I'd like to ask some questions about whether you have noticed any changes in yourself over the last several years due to thinking or memory problems.

The first item is problems with judgment, for example falling for scams, making bad financial decisions, or buying gifts that are inappropriate for recipients. Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V406>

V406 RHobbies

Interest in hobbies

The next item is reduced interest in hobbies or activities. Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V407>

V407\_RRepeating

Repeating questions or stories

(Next is) repeating questions, stories or statements. Have you noticed any changes in yourself in this over the last several years?

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V408> V408\_RLearning Learning how to use appliances

(Next is) trouble learning how to use a tool, appliance or gadget, for example a VCR, computer, microwave, or remote control. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V409>

V409\_RDate

Forgetting current month and year

(Next is) forgetting the correct month or year. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V410> V410\_RFinancial Handling finances

(Next is) difficulty handling complicated financial affairs, for example balancing a checkbook, doing income taxes, or paying bills. (Have you noticed any changes in yourself in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V411>

V411\_RAppointments

Remembering appointments

(Next is) difficulty remembering appointments. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V412>

V412\_RThinking

Thinking or memory

The last item is -- consistent problems with thinking or memory. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V413 BRANCHPOINT: IF THIS NOT IS A COUPLED SELF-INTERVIEW [ $A009\ NOT1$   $AND\ X065\ NOT\ 1-4$ ] GO TO END OF MODULE, OTHERWISE CONTINUE WITH V413

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<V413>

V413\_SPWalking

SP-If difficulty walking or with stairs

We'd like to ask a few questions about what you think about your (husband/wife/partner)'s health.

### **ASK EVERYONE**

Does [he/she] have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V414>
V414\_SPDressing
SP-If difficulty dressing or bathing

Does (he/she) have difficulty dressing or bathing?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V415>

V415\_SPJudgment

SP-Judgment or making bad decisions

Now I'd like to ask some questions about whether you have noticed any changes in [RNAME] over the last several years due to thinking or memory problems.

The first item is problems with judgment, for example falling for scams, making bad financial decisions, or buying gifts that are inappropriate for recipients. Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V416>

V416\_SPHobbies

SP-Interest in hobbies

The next item is reduced interest in hobbies or activities. Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<v417></v417>
V417_SPRepeating
SP-Repeating questions or stories

(Next is) repeating questions, stories or statements. Have you noticed any changes in [RNAME] in this over the last several years?

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V418>

V418\_SPLearning

SP-Learning how to use appliances

(Next is) trouble learning how to use a tool, appliance or gadget, for example a VCR, computer, microwave, or remote control. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V419>

V419\_SPDate

SP-Forgetting current month and year

(Next is) forgetting the correct month or year. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V420> V420\_SPFinancial SP-Handling finances

(Next is) difficulty handling complicated financial affairs, for example balancing a checkbook, doing income taxes, or paying bills. (Have you noticed any changes in (RNAME) in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V421>

V421\_SPAppointments

SP-Remembering appointments

(Next is) difficulty remembering appointments. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

<V422>

V422 SPThinking

SP-Thinking or memory

The last item is -- consistent problems with thinking or memory. (Have you noticed any changes in this over the last several years?)

- 1. Yes, a change
- 5. No, no change
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

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For V415 — V422:

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