

**HRS 2018 -- MODULE 4: ATTITUDE TOWARD AND USE OF MARIJUANA (CANNABIS) IN OLDER AMERICANS**

**FINAL VERSION --5/31/2018**

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**NOTE ABOUT BRANCHPOINTS:**

Where there is more than one jump within a branchpoint box, the jumps are to be applied in order from the top.

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**NOTE ABOUT COLORS AND MODE:**

All question text in black is for the core interview (except if CAPI and CAWI text is the same).

Question text and codes in teal denotes CAWI (Web). The CAWI text will always be directly after the CAPI text. If wording is the same in both CAPI (Iwer Administered) and CAWI (Web), the text is black.

Otherwise, black text for codeframes, interviewer instructions, jumps and branchpoints, etc., which can apply to both the CAPI and the CAWI interview unless specified otherwise or there is a CAWI alternative.

On a black-and-white hard copy of the document, the TEAL text will appear somewhat lighter than the original black.

Added text is in red. Deleted text is also in red but has a line across. Added questions are in blue.

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**NOTE ABOUT NON-RESPONSE FLOW:**

ANY QUESTION THAT IS ASKED BUT LEFT WITHOUT A RESPONSE IN CAWI INTERVIEWS WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PATH AS A REFUSAL FOR THAT QUESTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

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**MAJOR FLOW CONTROL, CONDITION AND FILL VARIABLES**

IF RANDOM (1-10) = 4

**V401 BRANCHPOINT:** ASK IF X009 =4 AND THIS IS A SELF INTERVIEW (A009 =1), ELSE GO TO END OF MODULE

V401\_INTRO

We will now be asking you about personal marijuana use. People use marijuana for any one of several reasons. Many use it for recreational purposes or to help with medical conditions or health problems. We want to assure you that your responses will be kept in strictest confidence, as is true of all other information you've provided for the Health and Retirement Study. This information will be used to better understand the effects of marijuana on older people, including how it may affect health.

V402\_USED

Have you ever used marijuana or hashish?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO ..... GO TO V416
  
- DK ..... GO TO V416
- RF ..... GO TO V416

V403\_USEYR

Did you use marijuana or hashish in the past year?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO ..... GO TO V406
  
- DK ..... GO TO V406
- RF ..... GO TO V406

V404\_FRSTUS

EDYR

Was your first use of marijuana or hashish in the past year?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

**V406 BRANCHPOINT:** If V404 = Yes then assign R's age (A019) to both V407 and V408, and go to V409.  
else, assign R's age (A019) to V407, and go to V408

V406\_LASTUS

E

Was the last time you used marijuana or hashish within the last 5 years?

1. YES
5. NO

V407\_AGELA  
STUSE

How old were you the last time you used marijuana or hashish?

[INSTR: IF YOUNGER THAN 10, ENTER "10". IF OLDER THAN 97, ENTER "97". ]

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (RANGE 10 -97)

V408\_AGEFIR  
STUSE

How old were you when you first used marijuana or hashish?

[INSTR: IF YOUNGER THAN 10, ENTER "10". IF OLDER THAN 97, ENTER "97". ]

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (RANGE 10 -97)

V409\_FREQ

When you used marijuana or hashish most frequently, about how often did you use it?

TIMES \_\_\_\_\_ [Range 1 - 97]

**V410 BRANCHPOINT:** ASK IF V409 = IN (1-97)  
ELSE, GO TO V411

V410\_PER

1. Day
2. Week
3. Month
4. Year

V411\_METHO  
DS

Did you ever use marijuana or hashish in a way other than smoking, such as by mouth, vaping, cream, ointment or another method?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

V412\_OTHPR  
OB

Did you ever use marijuana or hashish to help you with a health, emotional or mental problem?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO ..... GO TO V416

DK ..... GO TO V416  
RF ..... GO TO V416

V413\_PRESCR  
IB

Was this recommended or prescribed by a doctor or other health professional?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

DK  
RF ..... GO TO V415

V414\_CONDI  
TION

For what condition did you use marijuana?

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V415\_HARM

Did you ever have a negative or harmful experience from using marijuana or hashish?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

V416\_ACCEP  
TBALE

We would like to ask you some questions about your attitudes toward marijuana and hashish whether you have used it or not.

Do you currently believe that taking marijuana for a medical purpose is acceptable?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

V417\_ATTITU  
DE

When you were 18 years old, did you believe that using marijuana was acceptable?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

V418\_HARDR  
UG

Do you believe that smoking marijuana often leads to the use of harder drugs?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

V419\_GOVTE  
NFORCE

Do you believe that government efforts to enforce marijuana laws that block its use need more support?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

**[END MODULE 4]**









