

HRS 2026 -- MODULE 2 Disability Heterogeneity Among Older Adults
FINAL VERSION - 4/20/2026

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.

NOTE ABOUT COLORS:

ALL TEXT IN TEAL IS SPECIFIC TO A WEB INTERVIEW.

THE CORE INTERVIEW IS DOCUMENTED USING BLACK TEXT, BUT BLACK TEXT CAN ALSO APPLY TO THE EXIT OR WEB INTERVIEW WHEN THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES FROM THE CORE.

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.

**V000 BP: ASK IF THIS IS A REIWER HH (X024 = 1), LIVING (A007 = 1) AND SELF R (A009 = 1)
ELSE GO TO END OF MODULE**

V000

Now that we have finished with the main part of this interview, we have a few more questions to ask you. This will only take a few minutes.

[INSTR: IF R REFUSED BEFORE STARTING A MODULE, ENTER 9. IF R STARTED TO DO A MODULE AND THEN CHANGED HIS/HER MIND, ENTER 99.]

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1. R IS WILLING
9. R REFUSED AT MODULE INTRO..... GO TO END OF MODULE
99. R REFUSED AFTER STARTING A MODULE

1. CONTINUE

NOTE: IF R LEAVES V000 EMPTY IN CAWI IT WILL BE TREATED AS A REFUSAL AND SKIP R OUT OF MODULES

V201 BRANCHPOINT: ASK IF X009 = 2

V201

Next we have a few more questions about something we talked about earlier in the interview. Do you have any type of physical or mental health condition or illness, impairment, or disability?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO.....GO TO V205
- 8. DK.....GO TO V205
- 9. RF.....GO TO V205

V202

Has it lasted or is it expected to last for 3 months or more?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO.....GO TO V204
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V203

Has it lasted or is it expected to last for 12 months or more?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V204

Do any of your conditions, illnesses, impairments, or disabilities reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V205

Are you deaf or do you have serious difficulty hearing?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V206

Are you blind or do you have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V207

Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V208

Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V209

Do you have difficulty dressing or bathing?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V210

Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have difficulty doing errands alone, such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V211

Using your usual language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V212 BRANCHPOINT: ASK IF V201 = 1, ELSE GO TO END OF MODULE

V212

Do you have a mental health condition or illness that limits your ability to participate in work, housework, or other activities you enjoy?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V213

Do you have a developmental disability?

DEFINITION: By developmental disability we mean conditions that include physical, learning, language, or behavior areas; begin by age 21; may impact day-to-day functioning; and usually last throughout a person's lifetime.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V214

Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO.....GO TO END OF MODULE 2
- 8. DK.....GO TO END OF MODULE 2
- 9. RF.....GO TO END OF MODULE 2

V215

How would you describe your disability or disabilities? Can they be seen by other people, not seen by other people, or can they be both seen and not seen by other people?

- 1. CAN BE SEEN BY OTHER PEOPLE
- 2. CANNOT BE SEEN BY OTHER PEOPLE
- 3. BOTH SEEN AND NOT SEEN BY OTHER PEOPLE
- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V216

Do you consider your disability to be one of the most important parts of who you are?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DK
- 9. RF