

Disability Days (DD) Section  
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MEPS P21R5/P22R3/P23R1

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The MEPS instrument design changed beginning in Spring of 2018, affecting Panel 23 Round 1, Panel 22 Round 3, and Panel 21 Round 5, and affected the 2017 MEPS data files. The MEPS website releases the consolidated CAPI survey instruments each year for the Rounds 1 through 3 for the first year panel and Rounds 3 through 5 for the second year panel to accompany data releases. For the Full-Year 2017 PUFs, the Panel 22 Round 3 and Panel 21 Round 5 data were transformed to the degree possible to conform to the previous year (2016) design. For this reason, we are releasing 2016 CAPI survey instruments, updated to reflect 2017 dates, and **users should note that not all changes to the instrument administered in the Spring of 2018 will be reflected in these documents.**

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Disability Days (DD) Section

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| CONTEXT HEADER DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS: |  
| DISPLAY PERS.FULLNAME, PRND.BEGREFMM, |  
| PRND.BEGREFDD, PRND.BEGREFYY, PRND.ENDREFMM, |  
| PRND.ENDREFDD, PRND.ENDREFYY |  
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| IF PRND DATES ARE MISSING USE RU DATES: |  
| RUBEGMM, RUBEGDD, RUENDMM, RUENDDDD |  
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BOX\_01

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| IF PERSON IS LESS THAN 3 YEARS OF AGE (OR AGE |  
| CATEGORIES 1 OR 2), GO TO BOX_03 |  
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| OTHERWISE, CONTINUE WITH DD01 |  
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DD01

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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{The next questions ask about time/Now think about} when  
{you/{(PERSON)} may have missed a half day or more from work or school  
{since {START DATE}/between {START DATE} and {END DATE}}. {In  
answering these questions, please include any time when this occurred  
because of {your/{PERSON}'s} physical illness or injury, or a mental or  
emotional problem such as stress or depression.}

PRESS ENTER OR SELECT NEXT PAGE TO CONTINUE.

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| DISPLAY 'The next questions ask about time' IF |  
| FIRST CYCLE THROUGH THE DISABILITY DAYS SECTION |  
| FOR THE CURRENT ROUND. OTHERWISE, DISPLAY 'Now |  
| think about'. |  
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| DISPLAY 'since {START DATE}' IF NOT ROUND 5. |  
| DISPLAY 'between {START DATE} and {END DATE}' IF |  
| ROUND 5. |  
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| DISPLAY 'In answering ... or depression.' IF |  
| FIRST CYCLE THROUGH THE DISABILITY DAYS SECTION |  
| FOR THE CURRENT ROUND. OTHERWISE, USE A NULL |  
| DISPLAY. |  
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| NOTE: THERE IS NO UPPER AGE LIMIT RESTRICTION FOR |  
| PERSONS WHO ARE ASKED THE WORK-LOSS DISABILITY |  
| DAYS QUESTION. |  
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| IF PERSON IS = OR > 3 YEARS OLD AND < OR = 15 |  
| YEARS OLD (OR AGE CATEGORY 3), GO TO DD05 |  
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| IF PERSON IS = OR > 16 YEARS OLD (OR AGE |  
| CATEGORIES 4-9), CONTINUE WITH DD02 |  
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DD02  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{NUMBER OF DAYS IN HOSPITAL: {NUMBER OF DAYS}}  
{NUMBER OF DAYS INSTITUTIONALIZED: {NUMBER OF DAYS}}

Let's talk about work. {Including the time {you/{PERSON}} {were/was}  
in {the hospital} {and} {the long-term care facility}, how/How  
many days did {you/{PERSON}} miss a half day or more from work {since  
{START DATE}/between {START DATE} and {END DATE}}? Please do not  
include work around the house.

PROBE: Include any time when a half day or more was missed because  
of a physical illness or injury, or a mental or emotional problem.

[Enter Number of Days] .....  
NO DAYS MISSED FROM WORK ..... 995  
DOES NOT WORK (OTHER THAN AROUND THE  
HOUSE) ..... 996  
REF ..... -7  
DK ..... -8

HELP AVAILABLE FOR DEFINITION OF HALF DAY OR MORE.

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| DISPLAY 'NUMBER OF DAYS IN HOSPITAL: { }' IF |  
| PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE HOSPITAL STAY THAT ENDED |  
| IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., DISCHARGE DATE NOT |  
| CODED '95' (STILL IN HOSPITAL)). OTHERWISE, USE A |  
| NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| FOR 'NUMBER OF DAYS', DISPLAY TOTAL NUMBER OF |  
| DAYS PERSON WAS IN HOSPITAL FOR ALL HOSPITAL |  
| STAYS THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., |  
| DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN |  
| HOSPITAL)). OTHERWISE, USE A NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| DISPLAY 'NUMBER OF DAYS INSTITUTIONALIZED: { }' |  
| IF PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE INSTITUTIONAL STAY |  
| (IC EVENT) THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., |  
| DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN |  
| INSTITUTION)). OTHERWISE, USE A NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| FOR 'NUMBER OF DAYS', DISPLAY TOTAL NUMBER OF |  
| DAYS PERSON WAS IN AN INSTITUTION FOR ALL |  
| INSTITUTIONAL STAYS THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND |  
| (I.E., DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN |  
| INSTITUTION)). OTHERWISE, USE A NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| DISPLAY 'Including the time {you/{PERSON}} {were/ |  
| was} in {the hospital} {and} {the long-term care |  
| facility}, how' IF PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE |  
| HOSPITAL STAY (HS) OR ONE INSTITUTIONAL STAY (IC) |  
| EVENT THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., |  
| DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN HOSPITAL/ |  
| INSTITUTION)). OTHERWISE, DISPLAY 'How'. |  
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| DISPLAY 'the hospital' IF PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE |  
| HOSPITAL STAY (HS) EVENT THAT ENDED IN THE |  
| CURRENT ROUND. |

| DISPLAY 'the long-term care facility' IF PERSON |  
| HAS AT LEAST ONE INSTITUTIONAL CARE (IC) EVENT |  
| THAT ENDED IN THE CURRENT ROUND. |

| DISPLAY 'and' IF PERSON HAS BOTH A HOSPITAL STAY |  
| (HS) EVENT AND AN INSTITUTIONAL STAY (IC) EVENT |  
| THAT BOTH ENDED IN THE CURRENT ROUND. |

| DISPLAY 'since {START DATE}' IF NOT ROUND 5. |  
| DISPLAY 'between {START DATE} and {END DATE}' IF |  
| ROUND 5. |  
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| IF '0' ENTERED, DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING ERROR |  
| MESSAGE: "SELECT THE CODE 'NO DAYS MISSED FROM |  
| WORK' TO RECORD ZERO." |  
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| IF NUMBER ENTERED > NUMBER OF DAYS IN REFERENCE |  
| PERIOD, DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING ERROR MESSAGE: |  
| 'NUMBER OF DAYS MUST BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN |  
| NUMBER IN REFERENCE PERIOD.' |  
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| IF CODED '995' (NO DAYS MISSED FROM WORK), '996' |  
| (DOES NOT WORK), '-7' (REFUSED), OR '-8' (DON'T |  
| KNOW) AND PERSON IS 16 THROUGH 22 YEARS OF AGE |  
| INCLUSIVE (OR AGE CATEGORY 4), GO TO DD05 |  
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| IF CODED '995' (NO DAYS MISSED FROM WORK), '996' |  
| (DOES NOT WORK), '-7' (REFUSED), OR '-8' (DON'T |  
| KNOW) AND PERSON IS 23 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER (OR |  
| AGE CATEGORIES 5-9), GO TO BOX\_02 |  
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| OTHERWISE, CONTINUE WITH BOX\_01A |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| RANGE CHECK: 1 THROUGH NUMBER OF DAYS IN |  
| REFERENCE PERIOD OR 996 FOR THIS PERSON. |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| IF RU MEMBER'S REFERENCE PERIOD BEGIN DATE OR END |  
| DATE IS CODED AS 'REFUSED' (-7) OR 'DON'T KNOW' |  
| (-8) FOR THE MONTH, THE DAY OR THE YEAR, THE |  
| NUMBER OF DAYS ENTERED AT DD02 MUST BE EQUAL OR |  
| LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN THE RU'S |  
| REFERENCE PERIOD. |  
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BOX\_01A  
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| IF ROUND 3, CONTINUE WITH DD02A |  
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| OTHERWISE (I.E., IF NOT ROUND 3), GO TO BOX\_01B |  
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DD02A  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

NUMBER OF DAYS MISSED WORK: {NUMBER OF DAYS}

Of those days, how many were in {YEAR}?

[Enter Number of Days] ..... {BOX\_01B}  
REF ..... -7 {BOX\_01B}  
DK ..... -8 {BOX\_01B}

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| FOR 'NUMBER OF DAYS,' DISPLAY THE NUMBER ENTERED |  
| AT DD02 |  
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| (FOR SPECIFICATIONS PURPOSES ONLY; CAPI HANDLES |  
| AUTOMATICALLY): 'YEAR' IN QUESTION TEXT IS FIRST |  
| CALENDAR YEAR OF PANEL. |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| DAYS IN {YEAR} AT DD02A MUST BE < OR = DAYS |  
| MISSED FROM WORK AT DD02. |  
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BOX\_01B  
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| IF PERSON IS 16 THROUGH 22 YEARS OF AGE INCLUSIVE |  
| (OR AGE CATEGORY 4), CONTINUE WITH DD05 |  
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| OTHERWISE (I.E., PERSON IS 23 YEARS OF AGE OR |  
| OLDER OR IN AGE CATEGORIES 5-9), GO TO BOX\_02 |  
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DD05  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{NUMBER OF DAYS IN HOSPITAL: {NUMBER OF DAYS}}  
{NUMBER OF DAYS INSTITUTIONALIZED: {NUMBER OF DAYS}}

Let's talk about school (and day care). {Including the time {you/  
{PERSON}} {were/was} in {the hospital} {and} {the long-term care  
facility}, how/How} many days did {you/{PERSON}} miss a half day or  
more of school (or day care) {since {START DATE}/between {START DATE}  
and {END DATE}}?

PROBE: Include any time when a half day or more of school (or day  
care) was missed because of a physical illness or injury, or a mental  
or emotional problem.

[Enter Number of Days] ..... {BOX\_01C}  
NO DAYS MISSED FROM SCHOOL ..... 995 {BOX\_02}  
DOES NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ..... 996 {BOX\_02}  
REF ..... -7 {BOX\_02}  
DK ..... -8 {BOX\_02}

HELP AVAILABLE FOR DEFINITION OF HALF DAY OR MORE.

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| DISPLAY 'NUMBER OF DAYS IN HOSPITAL: { }' IF |  
| PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE HOSPITAL STAY THAT ENDED |  
| IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., DISCHARGE DATE NOT |  
| CODED '95' (STILL IN HOSPITAL)). OTHERWISE, USE A |  
| NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| FOR 'NUMBER OF DAYS', DISPLAY TOTAL NUMBER OF |  
| DAYS PERSON WAS IN HOSPITAL FOR ALL HOSPITAL |  
| STAYS THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., |  
| DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN |  
| HOSPITAL)). OTHERWISE, USE A NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| DISPLAY 'NUMBER OF DAYS INSTITUTIONALIZED: { }' |  
| IF PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE INSTITUTIONAL STAY |  
| (IC EVENT) THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., |  
| DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN |  
| INSTITUTION)). OTHERWISE, USE A NULL DISPLAY. |  
| NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| FOR 'NUMBER OF DAYS', DISPLAY TOTAL NUMBER OF |  
| DAYS PERSON WAS IN AN INSTITUTION FOR ALL |  
| INSTITUTIONAL STAYS THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND |  
| (I.E., DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN |  
| INSTITUTION)). OTHERWISE, USE A NULL DISPLAY. |  
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| DISPLAY 'Including the time {you/{PERSON}} {were/ |  
| was} in {the hospital} {and} {the long-term care |  
| facility}, how' IF PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE |  
| HOSPITAL STAY (HS) OR ONE INSTITUTIONAL STAY (IC) |  
| EVENT THAT ENDED IN CURRENT ROUND (I.E., |  
| DISCHARGE DATE NOT CODED '95' (STILL IN HOSPITAL/ |  
| INSTITUTION)). OTHERWISE, DISPLAY 'How'. |  
|

| DISPLAY 'the hospital' IF PERSON HAS AT LEAST ONE |  
| HOSPITAL STAY (HS) EVENT THAT ENDED IN THE |  
| CURRENT ROUND. |

| DISPLAY 'the long-term care facility' IF PERSON |  
| HAS AT LEAST ONE INSTITUTIONAL CARE (IC) EVENT |  
| THAT ENDED IN THE CURRENT ROUND. |

| DISPLAY 'and' IF PERSON HAS BOTH A HOSPITAL STAY |  
| (HS) EVENT AND AN INSTITUTIONAL STAY (IC) EVENT |  
| THAT BOTH ENDED IN THE CURRENT ROUND. |

| DISPLAY 'since {START DATE}' IF NOT ROUND 5. |  
| DISPLAY 'between {START DATE} and {END DATE}' IF |  
| ROUND 5. |  
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| IF '0' ENTERED, DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING ERROR |  
| MESSAGE: "SELECT THE CODE 'NO DAYS MISSED FROM |  
| SCHOOL' TO RECORD ZERO." |  
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| IF NUMBER ENTERED > NUMBER OF DAYS IN REFERENCE |  
| PERIOD, DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING ERROR MESSAGE: |  
| 'NUMBER OF DAYS MUST BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN |  
| NUMBER OF DAYS IN REFERENCE PERIOD.' |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| RANGE CHECK: 1 THROUGH NUMBER OF DAYS IN |  
| REFERENCE PERIOD FOR THIS PERSON. |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| IF RU MEMBER'S REFERENCE PERIOD BEGIN DATE OR END |  
| DATE IS CODED AS 'REFUSED' (-7) OR 'DON'T KNOW' |  
| (-8) FOR THE MONTH, THE DAY OR THE YEAR, THE |  
| NUMBER OF DAYS ENTERED AT DD05 MUST BE EQUAL OR |  
| LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN THE RU'S |  
| REFERENCE PERIOD. |  
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BOX\_01C  
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| IF ROUND 3, CONTINUE WITH DD05A |  
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| OTHERWISE (I.E., IF NOT ROUND 3), GO TO BOX\_02 |  
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DD05A  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

NUMBER OF DAYS MISSED SCHOOL: {NUMBER OF DAYS}

Of those days, how many were in {YEAR}?

[Enter Number of Days] ..... {BOX\_02}  
REF ..... -7 {BOX\_02}  
DK ..... -8 {BOX\_02}

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| FOR 'NUMBER OF DAYS,' DISPLAY THE NUMBER ENTERED |  
| AT DD05. |  
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| (FOR SPECIFICATIONS PURPOSES ONLY; CAPI HANDLES |  
| AUTOMATICALLY): 'YEAR' IN QUESTION TEXT IS FIRST |  
| CALENDAR YEAR OF PANEL. |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| DAYS MISSED FROM SCHOOL IN {YEAR} AT DD05A MUST |  
| BE < OR = DAYS MISSED FROM SCHOOL AT DD05. |  
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BOX\_02  
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| CHECK AGE AND WORK STATUS: |  
| IF LESS THAN 16 YEARS OF AGE (OR AGE CATEGORIES |  
| 1-3), GO TO BOX\_03 |  
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| IF 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER (OR AGE CATEGORIES |  
| 4-9) AND DD02 IS NOT CODED '996' (DOES NOT WORK |  
| OTHER THAN AROUND THE HOUSE), CONTINUE WITH DD10 |  
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| IF 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER (OR AGE CATEGORIES |  
| 4-9) AND DD02 IS CODED '996' (DOES NOT WORK |  
| OTHER THAN AROUND THE HOUSE), GO TO BOX_03 |  
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DD10  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

{Besides the {NUMBER OF MISSED WORK DAYS} days {you/{PERSON}} missed a half day or more from work because of {your/his/her} own illness or injury, did/Did} {you/{PERSON}} miss more than a half day from work {between {START DATE} and {END DATE}} because of someone else's illness, injury, or health care needs, for example, to take care of a sick child or a relative?

YES ..... 1 {DD11}  
NO/DO NOT WORK ..... 2 {BOX\_03}  
REF ..... -7 {BOX\_03}  
DK ..... -8 {BOX\_03}

[Code One]

HELP AVAILABLE FOR DEFINITION OF HALF DAY OR MORE.

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| DISPLAY 'Besides the ..., did' IF ANY MISSED WORK |  
| DAYS RECORDED FOR THIS PERSON IN DD02. DISPLAY |  
| 'Did' IF NO MISSED WORK DAYS RECORDED FOR THIS |  
| PERSON IN DD02. |  
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| DISPLAY NUMBER RECORDED IN DD02 FOR 'NUMBER OF |  
| MISSED WORK DAYS' IF DD02 DOES NOT = '-7' |  
| (REFUSED) OR '-8' (DON'T KNOW). IF DD02 = '-7' |  
| (REFUSED) OR '-8' (DON'T KNOW), USE A NULL |  
| DISPLAY. |  
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| DISPLAY 'between {START DATE} and {END DATE}' IF |  
| ROUND 5. OTHERWISE, USE A NULL DISPLAY. |  
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DD11  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

How many days did {you/{PERSON}} miss a half day or more from work  
because of someone else's illness, injury, or health care needs?

[Enter Number of Days] ..... {BOX\_02A}  
REF ..... -7 {BOX\_03}  
DK ..... -8 {BOX\_03}

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| IF '0' ENTERED, DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING ERROR |  
| MESSAGE: 'IF NO WORK DAYS MISSED, BACK UP AND |  
| CORRECT PREVIOUS ANSWER.' |  
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| IF NUMBER ENTERED > NUMBER OF DAYS IN REFERENCE |  
| PERIOD, DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING ERROR MESSAGE: |  
| 'NUMBER OF DAYS MUST BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN |  
| NUMBER IN REFERENCE PERIOD.' |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| DAYS ENTERED AT DD11 MUST BE < OR = NUMBER OF DAYS |  
| IN REFERENCE PERIOD FOR PERSON. |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| IF RU MEMBER'S REFERENCE PERIOD BEGIN DATE OR END |  
| DATE IS CODED AS 'REFUSED' (-7) OR 'DON'T KNOW' |  
| (-8) FOR THE MONTH, THE DAY OR THE YEAR, THE |  
| NUMBER OF DAYS ENTERED AT DD11 MUST BE EQUAL OR |  
| LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN THE RU'S |  
| REFERENCE PERIOD. |  
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BOX\_02A  
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| IF ROUND 3, CONTINUE WITH DD11A |  
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| OTHERWISE (I.E., IF NOT ROUND 3), GO TO BOX\_03 |  
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DD11A  
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{PERSON'S FIRST MIDDLE AND LAST NAME} {STR-DT}  
{END-DT}

NUMBER OF DAYS MISSED WORK DUE TO SOMEONE ELSE'S HEALTH:  
{NUMBER OF DAYS}

Of those days, how many were in {YEAR}?

[Enter Number of Days] ..... {BOX\_03}  
REF ..... -7 {BOX\_03}  
DK ..... -8 {BOX\_03}

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| FOR 'NUMBER OF DAYS,' DISPLAY THE NUMBER ENTERED |  
| AT DD11. |  
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| (FOR SPECIFICATIONS PURPOSES ONLY; CAPI HANDLES |  
| AUTOMATICALLY): 'YEAR' IN QUESTION TEXT IS FIRST |  
| CALENDAR YEAR OF PANEL. |  
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| HARD CHECK: |  
| DAYS IN {YEAR} AT DD11A MUST BE < OR = DAYS MISSED |  
| WORK DUE TO SOMEONE ELSE'S HEALTH AT DD11. |  
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BOX\_03  
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| GO TO NEXT QUESTIONNAIRE SECTION |  
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