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- **?(F1):** Indicates there is a help screen for this question. This icon usually appears before the question text.

- **(book):** Indicates there is a flashcard associated with this question. The flashcard number is found to the right of the (book) icon. This icon usually appears before the question text.

- Text preceded by an asterisk (*) indicates that there is some type of interviewer instruction associated with a question. Examples of interview instructions include:

  *Read if necessary/*Read lead-in if necessary: Indicates the interviewer can choose whether or not to read the lead-in text in a repeating series of questions

  *Enter all that apply, separate with commas: This is an interviewer instruction for enter-all-that-apply items. The interview software for multiple-choice questions contains one data entry box, with a comma used to separates entries.

  Enter applicable line number(s), separate with commas: Similar to item above, this is an interviewer instruction for enter-all-that-apply questions where the response options are numbers associated with persons.

  *Ask or verify: Indicates the interviewer can choose to read the question text or simply verify a prior response by the respondent.

  Enter up to "n" responses, separate with commas: Indicates the interviewer may enter up to the designated limit of responses.

  Read all categories: An instruction requiring the interviewer to read the response categories.

- **[fill]**: indicates there is a conditional fill in the question text.
  Example: "[fill: Do you/Does ALIAS]"

- **(fill roster of persons…)**: This is a programming instruction to fill names of eligible persons on the screen. This instruction is almost always accompanied by the "*Read names" interviewer instruction.

- **1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.:** Notation indicating a multi-part question. For example, "1 of 2" would denote the first part of a two-part question.

- **R,D**: In skip instructions, "R" refers to answers of "Refused" and "D" refers to "Don't know".

To further clarify instrument operation and flow, notes have been added to some items just below the skip instructions.

Section Order of the 2012 NHIS

Coverage Section
COV   – Coverage

Household Section
HHC   – Household Composition

Family Section
FID   – Family Identification
FHS   – Family Health Status and Limitations
FFS   – Family Food Security
FIJ   – Family Injuries and Poisonings
FAU   – Family Access to Health Care and Utilization
FHI   – Family Health Insurance
FSD   – Family Socio-Demographic
FIN   – Family Income
FDB   – Family Disability Questions Test

Sample Child Section
CID   – Child Identification
CHS   – Child Health Status and Limitations
CAU   – Child Access to Health Care and Utilization
CCD   – Child Voice, Speech, and Language
CBL   – Child Balance
CMB   – Child Mental Health Brief Questionnaire
CMS   – Child Mental Health Services
CFI   – Child Influenza Immunization
CDB   – Child Disability Questions Test
CAL   – Child Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Sample Adult Section
AID   – Adult Identification
ASD   – Adult Socio-Demographic
ACN   – Adult Conditions
ACD   – Adult Voice, Speech, and Language
AHS   – Adult Health Status and Limitations
AHB   – Adult Health Behaviors
AAU   – Adult Access to Health Care and Utilization
AFD   – Adult Functioning and Disability
ADB   – Adult Disability Questions Test
ALT   – Adult Complementary and Alternative Medicine
AWB   – Adult Internet and Email Usage