# Attachment B: Changes made to NSCNC Questionnaire Content

Table 1: Deleted Questions

| Question/Description | Reason for Deletion |
|---|---|
| L8 How often SC contacts nonresident siblings | Combined with L7 into new question L7 |
| P2 SC's mom's ethnicity | Redundant with child's & caregiver's ethnicity & race |
| P3 SC's mom's race | |
| P10 SC contact w/mom | Combined with P9 into new question P9 |
| P12 SC mom ever care for SC overnight | Combined with P11 into new question P11 |
| P13 How well R gets along w/SC mom | Combined with P31 into new question P36 |
| P16 R ever ask SC mom to spend more time | Low priority; somewhat redundant with P36 |
| P17 R ever refused SC mom visit | |
| P19 SC's dad's ethnicity | Redundant with child's & caregiver's ethnicity & race |
| P20 SC's dad's race | |
| P28 SC contact w/dad | Combined with P27 into new question P27 |
| P30 SC dad ever care for SC overnight | Combined with P29 into new question P29 |
| P31 How well R gets along w/SC dad | Combined with P13 into new question P36 |
| P34 R ever ask SC dad to spend more time | Low priority; somewhat redundant with P36 |
| P35 R ever refused SC dad visit | |
| F2 Child support agreement w/mom or w/dad | Low priority; redundant with F5 |
| F8 How heard about TANF | Limited utility due to legitimate skip; low priority |
| C2I Ease obtain educ re: child special needs | Respondent confusion |
| C2J Ease obtain educ re: legal issues | Respondent confusion; redundant with C2D |
| C2M Ease obtain info re: medical care | Respondent confusion |
| C2N Ease obtain overview of programs/svcs | Respondent confusion |
| C3 Where learn about svcs | Difficult/lengthy to process; respondent confusion |
| C4 How much R knew re: child background | Redundant with C1 |
| CC2A Supervision: where child is | Low priority |
| CC2B Supervision: who child is with | |
| CC2C Supervision: child arrives at home | |
| CC2D Supervision: child finished homework | |
| CC2E Supervision: control child's free time | |
| CC2F Supervision: child's money | |
| CC2G Supervision: child does chores | |
| CC2H Supervision: child without sitter | |
| WB1 How SC feels re: living w/R | Respondent confusion; limited variability; validity concern |
| WB5 Type of school | Limited variability; redundant with NSCH data |
| WB8E Child care: sitter related to R | Limited analytic utility due to legitimate skip; low priority |
| WB8F Child care: sitter related to spouse | |
| WB8G Child care: sitter lives w/R | |
| WB8I Child care: other sitter related to SC | |
| WB8J Child care: other sitter related to R/Sp | |

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Table 1 continued

| Question/Description | Reason for Deletion |
|---|---|
| R7 How it's going caring for SC | Respondent confusion; low priority |
| R8A Getting help: someone to watch SC | Low priority; nearly 50% missing on item A and limited variability on item B |
| R8B Get help: a ride to the doctor | |
| R8C Get help: family/friends check on sick SC | |
| R8D Get help: someone to talk w/re: problems | |
| R8E Get help: family/friends lend cash | |
| R9 R feels trapped by parenting responsibility | These items offended some respondents; validity concern |
| R10 Caring for SC more work than pleasure | |
| R12 R self-rating caregiver quality | Validity concern; low variability: 0 negative responses |
| R13A Depression scale: So sad | We replaced this 6-item validated scale of depression with a 2-item validated scale of depression (R13NEWA and R13NEWB) |
| R13B Depression scale: nervous | |
| R13C Depression scale: restless/fidgety | |
| R13D Depression scale: hopeless | |
| R13E Depression scale: everything an effort | |
| R13F Depression scale: worthless | |
| R14B Confident can help SC grow | We retained some of the R14 positive well-being measures and deleted others; B showed low response variability, and C, E, and G were cognitively difficult for some respondents; D and H were of lower priority than the R14 items we kept. |
| R14C Know steps when receiving poor svcs | |
| R14D Family life is under control | |
| R14E Tell pros my thoughts re: svcs | |
| R14G I try to find needed svcs | |
| R14H Focus on good as well as problems | |
| S5_STATE Confirm state to fill insurance program name | Redundant with State previously confirmed in NSCH |
| S16 Paying lower rent due to subsidy | Limited response variability |
| D6 Respondent's Spouse/partner's ethnicity | Redundant with Respondent's ethnicity |
| D7 Respondent's Spouse/partner's race | Redundant with Respondent's race |
| D8 SC transracial w/Respondent's spouse/p | Redundant with D5 |
| R21A Most challenging re: care for SC | Limited analytic utility and time-consuming to collect due to verbatim response for all cases |
| R21B Most rewarding re: care for SC | |

In addition to these deletions, combinations and replacements shown in Table 1, a number of minor content changes were made to improve questionnaire flow or reduce respondent or interviewer confusion. Those content changes are listed below.

1. H9 (Respondent relationship to the child) is now asked about both the respondent (H9.1) and the respondent's spouse/partner (H9.2); additionally, the category ADOPTIVE PARENT has been added, with the restriction that if this option is chosen, the interviewer should probe for an additional, pre-adoptive relationship and mark all that apply. Additionally, for H9.1 and H9.2, categories "MATERNAL AUNT/UNCLE" and "PATERNAL AUNT/UNCLE" have been combined into "AUNT/UNCLE" and category "GREAT-GRANDPARENT" has been added.

2.  P1 (and similar question for fathers, P18): the definitions of mother and father have been moved from question text to READ IF NECESSARY help text.

3.  P6/P24: To avoid seeming to ask the same question twice, the question text here has been revised to WAS THERE A DIFFERENT REASON WHY [SC] DIDN'T LIVE WITH [HIS/HER] [MOTHER/FATHER] ORIGINALLY?  Yes responses will get the original P6 or P24 question, while others will skip over P6/P24.

4.  P22: Verb tense was changed from "has" to "had" in three places for cases in which the father is deceased, to reduce the risk of sounding insensitive.

5.  F1: "FROM [SC]'s PARENT OR PARENTS" has been added to the end of the first sentence in this question, and the second sentence (and response option list) has been re-ordered to improve question flow and comprehension as: HAVE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS FOR [SC] BEEN AGREED TO INFORMALLY, AGREED TO IN WRITING, AWARDED TO YOU BY A COURT OR JUDGE, OR DO YOU NOT HAVE AN AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND?

6.  F4 has had SOCIAL SECURITY SURVIVOR BENEFITS, ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS added to the question text.

7.  F5: response option 3 has been updated to FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION PAYMENT/STIPEND

8.  F10, F11 and F12 are being moved to just after F5 to improve questionnaire flow.

9.  C2F: OBTAIN has been changed to FIND, PARENT/GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP has been changed to A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP, and help text has been added: A GROUP OF GRANDPARENTS WHO MEET TOGETHER TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND ADVICE ABOUT RAISING THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

10. S1 and S2 are moved to just before S9 in order to ask about child's insurance first, then caregiver's insurance.  The transition text that begins S1 is now used to begin S3.  Also, help text has been added to S2: IT CAN BE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE'S INSURANCE, and interviewers are instructed to MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

11. S18_CONF: YOUR INCOME changed to THE TOTAL INCOME OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS.