

## Attachment 3 – 2015 NHIS Occupational Health Respondent Screening Script

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### **Sample screening script for respondent contact by QDRL Laboratory Manager/QDRL Staff for 2015 NHIS Occupational Health Supplement recruited through newspaper advertisement/flyer**

**Dial respondent’s telephone number [hereafter referred to as R] as indicated on audiotape recording.**

**Note: Speak only to R. If the number is answered by an answering machine, call back at another time.**

**Laboratory Manager:** Good morning/afternoon, may I speak to (name)?

**If R is not available or not at home, say, “Thank you” and try again at another time.**

**If the person who answered the phone (NOT R) asks, “Who is calling?” or “What’s this about?” say, “I am returning their call to me. I’ll try to reach them at another time.**

**If R has been successfully contacted, continue...**

...Hello, my name is [Laboratory Manager’s name]. I am calling from the National Center for Health Statistics. You may remember that you responded to an advertisement we placed looking for people who are currently employed and experience shoulder pain, low back pain, or carpal tunnel syndrome.

**Wait for acknowledgment, such as, “Oh, yes, I remember.”**

...In order to determine if you are eligible for our study, I’ll need a few minutes of your time to ask some background questions. Answering these questions is completely voluntary. We are required by law to use your information for statistical research only and to keep it confidential. The law prohibits us from giving anyone any information that may identify you without your consent. Is this a good time to ask the questions or should I call back later?

**If not a good time to talk, schedule a time to call back.**

**If good time to talk, continue...**

1. Where did you see our advertisement?

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2. How old are you? **[If under age 18, go to exit script 1]**

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3. Are you currently employed?

Yes

If yes, full-time (40 hours a week) or regular part-time (24-30 hours a week)?

\_\_\_\_\_

No (Go to exit script 2)

4. What kind of work do you do?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is your shift or work schedule?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you experience shoulder pain?

Yes

If yes, how long have you been experiencing shoulder pain?

No (Go to Q7)

6a. Would you say that your shoulder pain is mild, moderate or severe?

Mild

Moderate

Severe

6b. Have you been told by a doctor or health care professional that your shoulder pain might be work-related?

Yes

No

6c. Do you think that your shoulder pain might be work-related?

Yes

No

7. Do you experience low back pain?

Yes

If yes, how long have you been experiencing low back pain?

No (Go to Q8)

7a. Would you say that your low back pain is mild, moderate or severe?

Mild

Moderate

Severe

7b. Have you been told by a doctor or health care professional that your low back pain might be work-related?

Yes

No

7c. Do you think that your low back pain might be work-related?

Yes

No

8. Do you have carpal tunnel syndrome?

Yes

If yes, how long have you had carpal tunnel syndrome?

No (Go to Q9)

8a. Would you say that your carpal tunnel syndrome is mild, moderate or severe?

- Mild
- Moderate
- Severe

8b. Have you been told by a doctor or health care professional that your carpal tunnel syndrome might be work-related?

- Yes
- No

8c. Do you think that your carpal tunnel syndrome might be work-related?

- Yes
- No

**[If individual has not met any of the eligibility requirements go to exit script 2].**

**[If quota has been met, go to exit script 3. Otherwise continue].**

9. How many years of education do you have?  
9 or less 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

10. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No

11. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? You may indicate more than one race.

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

12. Would you say that your total household income last year was more or less than \$50,000?

If MORE, ask: Would you say that your total household income last year was more or less than \$80,000?

If LESS, ask: Would you say that your total household income last year was more or less than \$25,000?

**Entry Script:**

...Based on your answers to the questions so far, we would like you to take part in our study. For this study we'd like you to come here to the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, MD/agreed mutual location. An interviewer will ask you questions about your work history, shoulder pain, low back pain, and carpal tunnel syndrome. Then the interviewer will ask you to explain what you were thinking as you answered the questions. The interviewer will also ask you about your opinions of the questions. Your answers will help us find out if the survey questions will be easy for other people to answer. Everything you say will be kept private. With your permission, we would like to record your interview. The recording is a record of what we asked and what you said about the questions. Do you give permission to have your interview video recorded? *Yes/No*. **[If no, ask if for permission to audio record]**. Do you give permission to have your interview audio recorded? *Yes/No*. **[If no, go to exit script 4. At a minimum audio recording is essential for this project].**

Do you have any questions at this point? *Pause to answer questions*. If (not/you have no other questions), then let's get you on the schedule, ok? We will be interviewing (Day, Month/Date) through (Day, Month/Date) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Looking at your schedule, when would you be available to participate? *Schedule*. **[If date/times not available go to exit script 5.]**

A reminder call will be made to you a few days in advance. Should you have any questions or need to change your appointment, please feel free to contact me [name] at [phone number]. Thank you for responding to our ad, and I look forward to seeing you here at (DATE/TIME) *Get respondent to cite date & time if possible.*

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**Exit script 1:** I'm sorry, you have to be over the 18 years of age or older to take part in this study and therefore we won't be able to use you at this time. However, I would like to put your name and telephone number you gave me into our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future. Is that OK? *If yes, record name & telephone number. If no: OK, thank you for your time. Your name and telephone number will not be added to our database.*

**Exit script 2:** I'm sorry, you have not met one of the eligibility requirements for this particular study. However, I would like to put your name and the information you gave me into our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future. Is that ok? *If yes, record name & number. If no: OK, thank you for your time.*

**Exit script 3:** Based upon your answers, it seems that we may already have a number of volunteers with very similar answers to yours. At this point we need to talk with people with some different characteristics. However, if we have cancellations or other slots open up, I may wish to call you back. Would it be okay if I kept your name, telephone number, and the information you provided in response to the eligibility questions until the end of this study? *If yes, make notation. If no, Would it be okay if I added your name, telephone number, age, educational level, and race to our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future? If yes, add to database. If no: OK, thank you for your time. Your name and any information you gave me will not be added to our database.*

**Exit script 4:** I'm sorry, willingness to be audio recorded is required in order to take part in this study and therefore we won't be able to use you at this time. Would it be okay if I added your name, telephone number, age, educational level, and race to our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future? If yes, add to database. If no: OK, thank you for your time. Your name and any information you gave me will not be added to our database.

**Exit script 5:** I see...ok, we were hoping to complete this particular study between (Month/Date) and (Month/Date), so it looks like we won't be able to schedule you at this time. Would it be okay if I added your name, telephone number, age, educational level, and race to our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future? If yes, add to database. If no: OK, thank you for your time. Your name and any information you gave me will not be added to our database.