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Subject: FW: OMB request to NCIPC

Hi all,

Please see below a suggestion and rationale/explanation from NCHS for the use question.

Karen and I will meet with SAMHSA/NSDUH folks on Thursday to find out if they have done any cognitive testing on their questions.

Thanks,
Kate

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All:

I don't think it's necessary to break the drugs out into categories which are then described to the respondent. That's too complicated and they are not going to follow you.

Below are two versions of opioid questions currently in use (by NHIS and NSDUH, respectively). Both have been extensively tested and work reasonably well. The second one is perhaps slightly better because it is not limited by examples (providing examples in any survey question has its pros and cons) nor does it require respondents to understand (and use) a definition of the drugs you want them to consider. Note that the pictures associated with the handcard in example #2 were not overly helpful and probably not necessary. Respondents reacted more to the names of the medication on the handcard.

It might be best to simply model your question after either of these. We already know a good deal about how these questions perform AND it would lend some conformity to questions on federal surveys. Given the number of medications you're after, I would suggest using the second one as your model.

1. During the past 12 months, have you taken any opioid pain relievers prescribed by a doctor or dentist? Examples include hydrocodone, Vicodin, Norco, Lortab, oxycodone, OxyContin, Percocet and Percodan.

-- Yes

-- No

2. Please look at the names and pictures of the pain relievers shown below. In the past 12 months, which, if any, of these pain relievers have you used? (Respondent is shown a list of all related substances, which in this case were opioids. You can provide a list suitable to your goals.)

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Kristen,

We're working with the program to find out the sources of the other questions and the rationale behind the phrasing. I agree, we should try to use questions consistent with other CDC surveys when possible.

What do you think about the use question (below)? Do you have any suggestions for improving?

Kate

Which kinds of medications do you take for pain (check all that apply)?

Over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen (e.g. Motrin, Advil) or acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol) or naproxen (e.g. Aleve)

Prescription non-steroidal medications (NSAIDs) like ibuprofen (e.g. Motrin) or naproxen (e.g. Naprosyn)

Prescription short acting opioid medications like oxycodone (e.g. Roxycodone, Percocet) or hydrocodone (e.g. Lortab or Vicodin), or hydromorphone (e.g. Dilaudid)

Prescription long acting opioid medications like long acting oxycodone (e.g. OxyContin), or long acting morphine (e.g. MSContin), fentanyl patch, or Methadone

Prescription Medications for nerve pain, such as gabapentin (e.g. Neurontin), or nortriptyline, or baclofen

Prescription or recreational Marijuana in any form

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Hi Kate-- because they are so problematic, I'm thinking it'd be a good idea for the team to reconsider using those questions even though they were used in another study. Also, there's a case to be made for CDC data collection efforts to have some consistency in the way opioid questions are asked.