Attachment D. Crosswalk of Item Differences by Questionnaire Version

This attachment crosswalks the survey item differences between the existing 2025 Medicare Health Outcomes Survey Instrument and the proposed HOS Field Test Questionnaires Version A and Version B.

2025 Health Outcomes Survey	Field Test Version A	Field Test Version B	Reason for Change
1. In general, would you say your health is: 1 Excellent 2 Very good 3 Good 4 Fair 5 Poor	No change	No change	N/A
 2. The following items are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much? a. Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf 1 Yes, limited a lot 2 Yes, limited a little 3 No, not limited at all 	No change	 2. The following items are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much? a. Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, or walking at a brisk pace 1 Yes, limited a lot 2 Yes, limited a little 3 No, not limited at all 	Revised, testing alternate functional activity as a potential replacement for less inclusive activities (bowling and golf).
b. Climbing several flights of stairs 1 Yes, limited a lot 2 Yes, limited a little 3 No, not limited at all	No change	No change	N/A

2025 Health Outcomes Survey	Field Test Version A	Field Test Version B	Reason for Change
3. During the <u>past 4 weeks</u> , have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health?	No change	No change	N/A
a. Accomplished less than you would like as a result of your physical health?			
No, none of the time			
2 Yes, a little of the time			
3 Yes, some of the time			
4 Yes, most of the time			
5 Yes, all of the time			
b. Were limited in the kind of work or other activities as a result of your physical health?	No change	No change	N/A
No, none of the time			
Yes, a little of the time			
Yes, some of the time			
Yes, most of the time			
5 Yes, all of the time			

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4. During the past 4 weeks , have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?	No change	No change	N/A
a. Accomplished less than you would like as a result of any emotional problems			
No, none of the time			
2 Yes, a little of the time			
3 Yes, some of the time			
4 Yes, most of the time			
5 Yes, all of the time			
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b. Didn't do work or other activities as carefully as usual as a result of any emotional problems	No change	No change	N/A
No, none of the time			
2 Yes, a little of the time			
3 Yes, some of the time			
4 Yes, most of the time			
5 Yes, all of the time			

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5. During the past 4 weeks , how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)? 1 Not at all 2 A little bit 3 Moderately 4 Quite a bit 5 Extremely	No change	No change	N/A
These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you during the past 4 weeks. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling. 6. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks: a. Have you felt calm and peaceful? 1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 A good bit of the time 4 Some of the time 5 A little of the time 6 None of the time	No change	These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you during the past 4 weeks. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling. 6. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks: a. Have you felt calm and peaceful? All of the time Most of the time A little of the time None of the time	Revised, testing a 5-item response option as a simpler alternative to the current 6-item response option and to align with the second item in this set (Q7).

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b. Did you have a lot of energy? 1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 A good bit of the time 4 Some of the time 5 A little of the time 6 None of the time	No change	b. Did you have a lot of energy? 1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time	Revised, testing a 5-item response option as a simpler alternative to the current 6-item response option and to align with the second item in this set (Q7).
c. Have you felt downhearted and blue? 1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 A good bit of the time 4 Some of the time 5 A little of the time 6 None of the time	No change	c. Have you felt downhearted and blue? 1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time	Revised, testing a 5-item response option as a simpler alternative to the current 6-item response option and to align with the second item in this set (Q7).
7. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)? 1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time	No change	No change	N/A

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Now, we'd like to ask you some questions about how your health may have changed. 8. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your physical health in general now? 1 Much better 2 Slightly better 3 About the same 4 Slightly worse 5 Much worse	Item removed	Item removed	Removing because this item is no longer being considered as a quality measure for Star Ratings and to reduce the number of questions on the survey.
9. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your emotional problems (such as feeling anxious, depressed, or irritable) in general now? 1 Much better 2 Slightly better 3 About the same 4 Slightly worse 5 Much worse	Item removed	Item removed	Removing because this item is no longer being considered as a quality measure for Star Ratings and to reduce the number of questions on the survey.
Earlier in the survey you were asked to indicate whether you have any limitations in your activities. We are now going to ask a few additional questions in this area.	No change	No change	N/A
10. Because of a health or physical problem, do you have any difficulty doing the following activities without special equipment or help from another person?	No change but renumbered (Q8)	8. Because of a health or physical problem, do you have any difficulty doing the following activities without help from another person?	Testing revised item stem to be more inclusive of those who use assistive devices and potentially enhance Physical Function Activities of Daily Living (PFADL) measure.

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a. Bathing	No change	No change	N/A
1 No, I do not have difficulty			
² Yes, I have difficulty			
₃ I am unable to do this activity			
b. Dressing			
1 No, I do not have difficulty			
² Yes, I have difficulty			
3 I am unable to do this activity			
c. Eating			
1 No, I do not have difficulty			
2 Yes, I have difficulty			
₃ I am unable to do this activity			
d. Getting in or out of chairs			
1 No, I do not have difficulty			
2 Yes, I have difficulty			
₃ I am unable to do this activity			
e. Walking			
1 No, I do not have difficulty			
² Yes, I have difficulty			
₃ I am unable to do this activity			
f. Using the toilet			
1 No, I do not have difficulty			
₂ Yes, I have difficulty			
₃ I am unable to do this activity			

2025 Health Outcomes Survey	Field Test Version A	Field Test Version B	Reason for Change
New item	9. Are you able to walk briskly for 20 minutes without stopping to rest? 5 Without any difficulty 4 With a little difficulty 3 With some difficulty 2 With much difficulty 1 Unable to do	9. Are you able to walk briskly for 20 minutes without stopping to rest? 5 Without any difficulty 4 With a little difficulty 3 With some difficulty 2 With much difficulty 1 Unable to do	New item set; Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) items being tested as a potential replacement for existing physical function items, to evaluate a wider range of impairment and potentially enhance the PFADL measure.
New item	10. Are you able to climb up 5 flights of stairs? 5 Without any difficulty 4 With a little difficulty 3 With some difficulty 2 With much difficulty 1 Unable to do	10. Are you able to climb up 5 flights of stairs? 5 Without any difficulty 4 With a little difficulty 3 With some difficulty 2 With much difficulty 1 Unable to do	New item set; PROMIS items being tested as a potential replacement for existing physical function items, to evaluate a wider range of impairment and potentially enhance the PFADL measure.
New item	11. Does your health limit you in bending, kneeling, or stooping? 5 Not at all 4 Very little 3 Somewhat 2 Quite a lot 1 Cannot do	11. Does your health limit you in bending, kneeling, or stooping? 5 Not at all 4 Very little 3 Somewhat 2 Quite a lot 1 Cannot do	New item set; PROMIS items being tested as a potential replacement for existing physical function items, to evaluate a wider range of impairment and potentially enhance the PFADL measure.

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New item	12. Does your health limit you in doing moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf? 5 Not at all 4 Very little 3 Somewhat 2 Quite a lot 1 Cannot do	12. Does your health limit you in doing moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, or walking at a brisk pace? 5 Not at all 4 Very little 3 Somewhat 2 Quite a lot 1 Cannot do	New item set; PROMIS items being testing as a potential replacement for existing physical function item, to evaluate a wider range of impairment and potentially enhance the PFADL measure. Testing 2 versions.
New item	13. Does your health now limit you in doing heavy work around the house like moving heavy furniture? 5 Not at all 4 Very little 3 Somewhat 2 Quite a lot 1 Cannot do	13. Does your health now limit you in doing heavy work around the house like moving heavy furniture? 5 Not at all 4 Very little 3 Somewhat 2 Quite a lot 1 Cannot do	New item set; PROMIS items being tested as a potential replacement for existing physical function items, to evaluate a wider range of impairment and potentially enhance the PFADL measure.
Now we are going to ask some questions about specific medical conditions. 11. Are you blind or do you have serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses? 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q14)	No change but renumbered (Q14)	N/A

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12. Are you deaf or do you have serious difficulty hearing, even with a hearing aid? 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q15)	No change but renumbered (Q15)	N/A
13. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions? 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q16)	No change but renumbered (Q16)	N/A
14. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping? 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q17)	No change but renumbered (Q17)	N/A
15. In the past month , how often did memory problems interfere with your daily activities? 1 Every day (7 days a week) 2 Most days (5-6 days a week) 3 Some days (2-4 days a week) 4 Rarely (once a week or less) 5 Never	No change but renumbered (Q18)	No change but renumbered (Q18)	N/A

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Has a doctor <u>ever</u> told you that you had: 16. Hypertension or high blood pressure 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q19)	No change but renumbered (Q19)	N/A
17. Angina pectoris or coronary artery disease 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q20)	No change but renumbered (Q20)	N/A
18. Congestive heart failure 1 Yes 2 No	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.
19. A myocardial infarction or heart attack 1 Yes 2 No	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.
20. Other heart conditions, such as problems with heart valves or the rhythm of your heartbeat 1 Yes 2 No	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.

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21. A stroke 1 Yes 2 No	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.
22. Emphysema, or asthma, or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q21)	No change but renumbered (Q21)	N/A
23. Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, or inflammatory bowel disease 1 Yes 2 No	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.
24. Osteoporosis, sometimes called thin or brittle bones 1 Yes 2 No	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.
25. Diabetes, high blood sugar, or sugar in the urine 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q22)	No change but renumbered (Q22)	N/A

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26. Depression 1 Yes 2 No	No change but renumbered (Q23)	No change but renumbered (Q22)	N/A
27. Any cancer (other than skin cancer) ₁ Yes → Go to Question 28 ₂ No → Go to Question 29	24. Any cancer (other than skin cancer) 1 Yes 2 No	24. Any cancer (other than skin cancer) 1 Yes 2 No	Removed skip pattern because follow-up question (Q28) was removed.
28. Are you <u>currently</u> under treatment for: a. Colon or rectal cancer Yes 2 No b. Lung cancer Yes 2 No c. Breast cancer Yes 2 No d. Prostate cancer Yes 2 No e. Other cancer (other than skin cancer) Yes 2 No	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing this and other items in this section had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.

2025 Health Outcomes Survey	Field Test Version A	Field Test Version B	Reason for Change
29. In the past 7 days , how much did pain interfere with your day to day activities? 1 Not at all 2 A little bit 3 Somewhat 4 Quite a bit 5 Very much	Item renumbered (Q25)	Item renumbered (Q25)	N/A
30. In the past 7 days, how often did pain keep you from socializing with others? Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always	Item renumbered (Q26)	Item renumbered (Q26)	N/A

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31. Over the past 2 weeks , how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?	have you been bothered by any of the following problems?	have you been bothered by any of the following problems?	Revised, testing expanded item to assess a broader array of mental health conditions using the PHO-4.
a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things Not at all Several days More than half the days Nearly every day Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless Not at all Several days More than half the days Nearly every day	the following problems? a. Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge 1 Not at all 2 Several days 3 More than half the days 4 Nearly every day b. Not being able to stop or control worrying 1 Not at all 2 Several days 3 More than half the days 4 Nearly every day c. Little interest or pleasure in doing things 1 Not at all 2 Several days 3 More than half the days 4 Nearly every day d. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	following problems? a. Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge Not at all Several days More than half the days Nearly every day Not being able to stop or control worrying Not at all Several days More than half the days Wearly every day C. Little interest or pleasure in doing things Not at all Several days More than half the days All Nearly every day Really every day C. Little interest or pleasure in doing things Not at all Several days All Nearly every day Really every day	of mental health conditions using the PHQ-4.
	Not at all Not at all Not at all More than half the days Nearly every day	Not at all Not at all Several days More than half the days Nearly every day	

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32. In general, compared to other people your age, would you say that your health is: 1 Excellent 2 Very good 3 Good 4 Fair 5 Poor	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to reduce the number of survey questions. This item is not used for casemix adjustment.
33. Many people experience leakage of urine, also called urinary incontinence. In the <u>past six months</u> , have you experienced leaking of urine? 1 Yes → Go to Question 34 2 No → Go to Question 37	Item renumbered (Q28)	Item renumbered (Q28)	N/A
34. During the past six months , how much did leaking of urine make you change your daily activities or interfere with your sleep? 1 A lot 2 Somewhat 3 Not at all	Item renumbered (Q29)	Item renumbered (Q29)	N/A
35. Have you ever talked with a doctor, nurse, or other health care provider about leaking of urine? 1 Yes 2 No	Item renumbered (Q30)	Item renumbered (Q30)	N/A

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36. There are many ways to control or manage the leaking of urine, including bladder training exercises, medication, and surgery. Have you ever talked with a doctor, nurse, or other health care provider about any of these approaches? 1 Yes 2 No	Item renumbered (Q31)	Item renumbered (Q31)	N/A
37. In the past 12 months, did you talk with a doctor or other health provider about your level of exercise or physical activity? For example, a doctor or other health provider may ask if you exercise regularly or take part in physical exercise. 1 Yes → Go to Question 38 2 No → Go to Question 38 3 I had no visits in the past 12 months → Go to Question 39	Item renumbered (Q32)	Item renumbered (Q32)	N/A
38. In the past 12 months , did a doctor or other health provider advise you to start, increase or maintain your level of exercise or physical activity? For example, in order to improve your health, your doctor or other health provider may advise you to start taking the stairs, increase walking from 10 to 20 minutes every day or to maintain your current exercise program. 1 Yes 2 No	Item renumbered (Q33)	Item renumbered (Q33)	N/A

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39. A fall is when your body goes to the ground without being pushed. In the past 12 months , did you talk with your doctor or other health provider about falling or problems with balance or walking?	Item renumbered (Q34)	Item renumbered (Q34)	N/A
Yes No I had no visits in the past 12 months			
40. Did you fall in the past 12 months? 1 Yes 2 No	Item renumbered (Q35)	Item renumbered (Q35)	N/A
41. In the past 12 months , have you had a problem with balance or walking? 1 Yes 2 No	Item renumbered (Q36)	Item renumbered (Q36)	N/A
 42. Has your doctor or other health provider done anything to help prevent falls or treat problems with balance or walking? Some things they might do include: Suggest that you use a cane or walker. Suggest that you do an exercise or physical therapy program. Suggest a vision or hearing test. Yes No I had no visits in the past 12 months 	Item renumbered (Q37)	Item renumbered (Q37)	N/A

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N/A	38. In the past 12 months, has a doctor or other health professional talked with you about your diet or eating habits? 1 Yes 2 No 3 I had no visits in the past 12 months	38. In the past 12 months, has a doctor or other health professional provided advice about your diet or eating habits? 1 Yes 2 No 3 I had no visits in the past 12 months	New item; adapted from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) as a potential cross-sectional quality measure.
N/A	39. In the past 12 months, has a doctor or other health professional talked with you about your alcohol use? 1 Yes 2 No 3 I had no visits in the past 12 months	39. In the past 12 months , has a doctor or other health professional provided advice about your alcohol use? 1 Yes 2 No 3 I had no visits in the past 12 months	New item; adapted from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) as a potential cross-sectional quality measure.
43. During the past month , on average, how many hours of actual sleep did you get at night? (This may be different from the number of hours you spent in bed.) 1 Less than 5 hours 2 5 - 6 hours 3 7 - 8 hours 4 9 or more hours	Item renumbered (Q40)	Item renumbered (Q40)	N/A

2025 Health Outcomes Survey	Field Test Version A	Field Test Version B	Reason for Change
44. During the past month , how would you rate your overall sleep quality? 1 Very Good 2 Fairly Good 3 Fairly Bad 4 Very Bad	Item renumbered (Q41)	Item renumbered (Q41)	N/A
45. How much do you weigh in pounds (lbs.)? lbs.	Item renumbered (Q42)	Item renumbered (Q42)	N/A
46. How tall are you without shoes on, in feet and inches? Please fill in both feet and inches, for example: 5 feet 00 inches, or 5 feet 04 inches (if 1/2 inch, please round up). feet Inches	Item renumbered (Q43)	Item renumbered (Q43)	N/A
47. Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a or Spanish origin? (One or more categories may be selected) 1 No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin 2 Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano/a 3 Yes, Puerto Rican 4 Yes, Cuban 5 Yes, another Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin	Item removed	Item removed	Question removed as per SPD-15. We plan to implement the updated SPD-15 race and ethnicity question. We are using this to ensure comparability of responses across mail, telephone, and web administrations in particular for an older population.

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48. What is your race? (One or more categories may be selected) 01 White 02 Black or African American 03 American Indian or Alaska Native 04 Asian Indian 05 Chinese 06 Filipino 07 Japanese 08 Korean 09 Vietnamese 10 Other Asian 11 Native Hawaiian 12 Guamanian or Chamorro 13 Samoan 14 Other Pacific Islander	44. What is your race or ethnicity? Please mark one or more. 01 American Indian or Alaska Native 02 Asian 03 Black or African American 04 Hispanic or Latino 05 Middle Eastern or North African 06 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 07 White	44. What is your race or ethnicity? Please mark one or more. 01 American Indian or Alaska Native 02 Asian 03 Black or African American 04 Hispanic or Latino 05 Middle Eastern or North African 06 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 07 White	Updated according to SPD-15. We plan to implement the updated SPD-15 race and ethnicity question. We are using this to ensure comparability of responses across mail, telephone, and web administrations in particular for an older population.
49. What language do you mainly speak at home? 1 English 2 Spanish 3 Chinese 4 Russian 7 Some other language (please specify)	No change but renumbered (Q45)	No change but renumbered (Q45)	N/A

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50. What is your current marital status? 1	No change but renumbered (Q46)	No change but renumbered (Q46)	N/A
51. What is the highest grade or level of school that you have completed? 1 8th grade or less 2 Some high school, but did not graduate 3 High school graduate or GED 4 Some college or 2-year degree 5 4-year college graduate 6 More than a 4-year college degree	No change but renumbered (Q47)	No change but renumbered (Q47)	N/A
52. Do you live alone or with others? (One or more categories may be selected) 1 Alone 2 With spouse/significant other 3 With children/other relatives 4 With non-relatives 5 With paid caregiver	Item removed	Item removed	Removing item because some stakeholders and respondents have noted they are uncomfortable divulging information that may affect their personal security. This item is not used for case-mix adjustment.

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53. Where do you live? 1 House, apartment, condominium, or mobile home Go to Question 54 2 Assisted living or board and care home Go to Question 54 3 Nursing home Go to Question 55 4 Other Go to Question 55	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing the items had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.
54. Is the house or apartment you currently live in: 1 Owned or being bought by you 2 Owned or being bought by someone in your family other than you 3 Rented for money 4 Not owned and one in which you live without payment of rent 5 None of the above	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing the item had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.
55. Who completed this survey form? 1 Person to whom survey was addressed STOP HERE 2 Family member or relative of person to whom the survey was addressed Go to Question 56 3 Friend of person to whom the survey was addressed Go to Question 56 4 Professional caregiver of person to whom the survey was addressed Go to Question 56	Item removed	Item removed	Removing to limit the number of survey questions. Removing the item had a negligible impact on case-mix adjustment.

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56. Did someone help you complete this survey? If so, please fill in that person's name.DO NOT enter the name of the person to whom this survey was addressed.Please print clearly.	Item removed	Item removed	Removing item because survey vendors noted the instruction is frequently ignored by respondents and questionnaires are returned with unneeded PII.
First Name:			
Last Name:			