

- The issue on the perception of 'Could not afford to (too expensive)' should be tackled in order to not include interpretations about 'too expensive' which are relative (more expensive than before, etc.) but relate only to the fact that the person could not pay the price, not having money enough for this.
- The fact that the price is not covered by an insurance fund is in particular an important element to be taken into account and coded under this answer category if the respondent could not afford to pay for the treatment/examination himself or herself.

Waiting list: This answer is to be used for people who were actually on a waiting list and, at the same time, were not helped even though the need for care was urgent, for respondents experiencing delay in getting appointment soon enough to meet their need of care, as well as for respondents who were discouraged from seeking care because of perceptions of the long waiting times.

Excluded: Waiting time to see a dentist or on day of appointment (the time spend in the waiting room), being on waiting list for planned (non-urgent) care if the need is not seen as urgent; too far to travel or no means of transportation.

Excluded: could not afford the cost of transport.

Before 2015

This is a follow-up question to the previous one. It aims to capture the dimension of restricted access to healthcare by including not only formal healthcare coverage (by insurance or universal coverage), but also restrictions due to rationing, waiting lists, the ability to afford care, and other reasons.

In the proposed classification for this item, option 4 (length of the waiting list) should be used for people who are discouraged from seeking care because of perceptions of the length of wait, as well as people who have 'applied' and are still waiting to see a dentist.

The same comments as for PH050: Main reason for unmet need for medical examination or treatment must be considered.

Suggested question is:

Note: This question is a follow-up question. It will only be asked if a respondent chose the answer 'YES' in the previous question!

What was the main reason for not having a dental examination or treatment?

Please mark:

- 1 *Could not afford to (too expensive)*
- 2 *Waiting list*
- 3 *Could not take time because of work, care for children or for others*
- 4 *Too far to travel/no means of transportation*
- 5 *Fear of doctor (dentist)/hospitals/examination/ treatment*
- 6 *Wanted to wait and see if problem got better on its own*
- 7 *Didn't know any good dentist*
- 8 *Other reason*