



- In order to ensure that only relevant dental health needs are taken into account (in situations perceived by respondent as worrying or possibly causing additional health problems or further significantly deteriorating his/her dental health), the question should include 'really' (... when you really needed to consult...).
- In order to make sure that only consultations needed on the person's own behalf rather than on behalf of children, spouse, etc., the question should include 'for yourself'.
- Both 'examination and treatment' shall be asked as both terms might be perceived differently by the respondents and the intention is to include all contacts with dental professionals (including diagnostic and preventive check-ups).
- Not to include any other questions related to unmet needs before or between the model questions.
- To follow the proposed order of all the questions and the answer categories.

#### Construction of PH060 variable:

PH060 = 1 if PH060\_Q1 = 1 and PH060\_Q2 = 2

PH060 = 2 if PH060\_Q1 = 1 and PH060\_Q2 = 1

PH060 = missing and flag -2 if PH060\_Q1 = 2

#### **Before 2015**

There were major differences across EU countries in terms of the proportion of people with free access to dental care. In countries where all or nearly all persons are covered, access to healthcare may still be limited by the existence of waiting lists and other forms of rationing.

The purpose of the variable is to capture the person's own assessment of whether he or she needed to consult a dentist, but was not able to do so.

We would suggest adding the word 'personally' to make sure that the consultation/treatment was on the person's own behalf rather than on behalf of children. If this is not clarified, any comparison between men and women or between parents and non-parents might be confounded.

The same comments as for PH040: Unmet need for medical examination or treatment [*Unmet need for medical examination or treatment during the last 12 months*] must be considered.