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MIDUS 2 Project 1
SAQ Adapted for Telephone Administration
(SAQxPhone)
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***** It is important to read through this document carefully *****
***** prior to using the revised data and documentation. *****

During the fielding of MIDUS 2 Survey (Project 1) in 2004-05 some respondents did not complete the two Self-Administered Questionnaires (SAQ) that followed the telephone (CATI) interview. Some respondents reported minor vision problems that precluded them from completing the SAQs while others reported they just did not enjoy doing written tasks. University of Wisconsin Survey Center staff also suspected that some respondents may have experienced literacy issues that discouraged them from completing such a long questionnaire. In addition, response rates in Project 1 indicated that participants were more likely to respond to telephone surveys than to complete paper-and-pencil questionnaires; while 4,963 and 4,206 participants respectively completed the MIDUS phone survey and cognitive assessment, only 4,041 completed the SAQs.

With input from MIDUS investigators, the MIDUS Administrative Core created a “SAQxPhone” instrument by selecting 25% of the questions from the original SAQs and programming these items to be administered by telephone. Every effort was made to minimize changes to the question wording and response options.

The SAQxPhone effort began fielding in June, 2006. A total of 933 cases who had not completed the SAQ were sent an advance letter, informing them that UWSC telephone interviewers would soon be calling to see if they would like to complete the SAQ via the phone. After fielding began, seven respondents decided to mail in their SAQ’s rather than participate, and their data were added to the main Project 1 dataset. This left a total of 926 respondents that were fielded for the SAQxPhone effort. A total of 365 interviews were completed by September, 2006. Upon completing this survey the respondents were sent a check for \$25.

The data from the SAQxPhone effort is being made available as a separate dataset that uses the same variable names as the SAQ variables in the aggregate M2P1 survey dataset. These variables can be merged using “M2ID” as the keyed variable.

- **M2_SAQxPHONE_N365_20191206**

The SAQxPhone questionnaire is also available. Consult this to determine which questions, measures, and scales were included in the instrument.

- **M2_P1_SAQxPhone_Questionnaire_20191209**