

TESTING RESPONDENT TO DETERMINE IF PROXY IS NECESSARY

Next, I will explain some facts about the survey. After I explain, I will ask you three questions so I can be sure my explanation was clear.

Here's the first explanation.

The survey asks about [health, daily activities and any jobs you might have].

Please tell me in your own words what the survey is about. (Repeat **once**)

Here is the next explanation.

Taking part in the survey is completely voluntary. Completely voluntary means you can choose whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part, you can refuse to answer any questions you do not like and you can stop the interview at any time you choose. Whether you choose to take part or not, your [benefits/whatever it is they're receiving] will not be affected in any way. When I say your participation is completely voluntary, what does that mean to you? (Repeat **once**)

(Examples of accurate answers are: I can decide to take part or not to take part. I can refuse to take part if I want. I don't have to do this. I can do this if I want. No one will take away my benefits if I refuse; etc.)

Here's the last explanation.

All your answers will be kept confidential and use only for the research purposes of the study.

When I say that your answers will be kept confidential, what does that mean to you? (Repeat **once**)

(Examples of accurate answers are: My answers will be secret. Only researchers will see what I said. What I say will be kept private. It will only be used for research; etc.)

RESULTS:

PARTICIPANT OR PROXY FAILS COGNITIVE TEST. FIND A PROXY/ANOTHER PROXY: Thank you. Our study rules say that we need to find someone who can help answer the survey questions. Is there someone there who could answer questions about [participant's] health, daily activities and any jobs [he/she] might have?