## SOCIAL SUPPORT - SSQ

SSQ.010 Now I would like to ask a few questions about {your/SP's} friends and family.

Can {you/SP} count on anyone to provide {you/him/her} with **emotional** support such as talking over problems or helping {you/him/her} make a difficult decision?

YES	1	
NO	2	( SSQ.050)
SP DOESN'T NEED HELP	3	( SSQ.050)
REFUSED	7	( SSQ.050)
DON'T KNOW	9	( SSQ.050)

SSQ.020 In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

SPOUSE	10
DAUGHTER	11
SON	12
SISTER/BROTHER	13
PARENT	14
OTHER RELATIVE	15
NEIGHBORS	16
CO-WORKERS	17
CHURCH MEMBERS	18
CLUB MEMBERS	19
PROFESSIONALS	20
FRIENDS	21
OTHER	22
NO ONE	23
REFUSED	77
DON'T KNOW	99

SSQ.030 [In the last 12 months], could {you/SP} have used more emotional support than {you/s/he} received?

YES	1	
NO	2	(SSQ.050)
REFUSED	7	(SSQ.050)
DON'T KNOW	9	( SSQ.050)

SSQ.040 Would you say that {you/SP} could have used . . .

a lot more,	1
some, or	2
a little more emotional support?	3
REFUSED	7
DON'T KNOW	9

SSQ.050 If {you/SP} need{s} some extra help financially, could {you/s/he} count on anyone to help {you/him/her}; for example, by paying any bills, housing costs, hospital visits, or providing {you/him/her} with food or clothes?

YES	1
NO	2
OFFERED HELP BUT WOULDN'T	
ACCEPT IT	3
REFUSED	7
DON'T KNOW	9

SSQ.060 In general, how many close friends {do you/does SP} have? PROBE: By "close friends" I mean relatives or non-relatives that {you s/he} feel{s} at ease with, can talk to about private matters, and can call on for help.

II ENTER NUMBER OF CLOSE FRIENDS	
REFUSED	77
DON'T KNOW	99

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Questionnaire: SP Target Group: SPs 40+