SDC\_Table 1: Questions Used to Code Disability Constructs

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| Sensory disability | Serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses; legally blind; trouble hearing normal conversation (even with hearing aid) |
| Mental/substance use impairment disability | Frequently depressed or anxious and interfered with life in the past year; a lot of trouble making or keeping friendships; a lot of trouble getting along in social settings; a lot of trouble concentrating enough to complete tasks; serious trouble coping with day-to-day stresses; frequently confused, disoriented, or forgetful; has phobias or unreasonable fears; has schizophrenia, paranoid/delusional disorders, bipolar disorder, major depression, severe personality disorder, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or other mental or emotional conditions |
| Cognitive impairment disability | Trouble with communicating or understanding; difficulty learning what other their age can learn; has learning disability, Down Syndrome, mental retardation, autism, Alzheimer’s disease, or other senile disorders |
| Movement disability | Difficulty with lifting 10 pounds, walking up 10 steps, walking a quarter mile, standing for 20 minutes, bending down from a standing position, reaching over the head, using the fingers to grasp or handle something, or holding a pen or pencil; reports the use of a cane, crutches, medically prescribed shoes, walker, wheelchair, scooter to get around, or a brace; has Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus, or ever has had paralysis of any kind caused by Polio |
| Employment Disability | Unable to work or limited in work because of impairment or health problem; currently receiving Supplemental Security Income |
| Any Disability | “Yes” if has a sensory disability, mental/substance use impairment disability, cognitive impairment disability, or movement disability (or, for analyses involving 18-64 year olds only, employment disability)“No” if no to all above. |
| Number of Disabilities | Sum of sensory, mental/substance use impairment, cognitive impairment, or movement disability (or, for analyses involving 18-64 year olds only, employment disability) and coded as multiple if sum=2 or more, single if sum=1, and none if sum=0 (multiple vs. single vs none). |
| Multiple Disabilities | Number of disabilities recoded as having multiple disabilities (2 or more) versus having only 1 or no disabilities (yes vs no) |
| Disability severity (Number of ADLs) | Difficulty with: bathing, dressing, eating, getting in or out of bed or a chair, or using the toilet (range=0 to 6) |