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RE: Update to HCHS/SOL Baseline Examination Derived Variable Dataset and Dental Derived Variable file (DENTAL_DERV_INV4)

The HCHS/SOL Coordinating Center has prepared a selective data release that updates the participant derived variable file and releases for the first time a derived variable file for dental examination variables and the food ingredient (or component) file from the diet recall interview. Accompanying these files is a revised baseline database overview describing the context of the new files and new codebooks to display the variables contained in those data files. The "PART_DERV_INV4" file should replace the previous version in use locally. Note that based on recommendations adopted by the HCHS Steering Committee from the Sociocultural Working Group have changed the scoring algorithm for the SASH_LANG subscale and also resulted in elimination of the SASH_ALL summary score due to its failure to demonstrate desirable psychometric properties in the cohort.

The contents for this release include updated SAS dataset *PA_DERV_INV4* and documentation:

1. **Baseline Examination Database Overview**
2. **Baseline Examination Codebook**
3. **Dietary Data Codebook**
4. **SAS datasets: *PART_DERV_INV4.sas7bdat*, *DENTAL_DERV_INV4.sas7bdat*, and *INUA_INV4.sas7bdat***

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