

## **Clarification for Race**

### **2003 Pediatric CSRS Instructions and Data Element Definitions**

Please use the following clarifications when coding the data element "Race". The 2003 race codes are parallel to SPARCS race categories and are based on CDC codes that follow guidelines for minimum race and ethnicity categories as established for Federal programs by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). More information on these reporting categories and the process of developing them can be found at [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg/ombdir15.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg/ombdir15.html) .

-- **White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

-- **Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."

-- **Native American / American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

-- **Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

-- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

-- **Other.** Report for those responses that are not covered by an above category or in the case where more than one of the above responses could be coded. Please specify the specific race for any case marked "other."