

# RESPONDENT RULES

## HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENT

Any household member 15 years old or older who is physically and mentally competent and knowledgeable may answer the control card questions and questions about the household as a unit.

## HOUSEHOLD MEMBER 15 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

Each household member 15 years old or older, present at the time of interview, should respond for himself/herself. If a 15+ person is physically or mentally incompetent, select a proxy respondent. Also select a proxy respondent for a person absent at the time of interview. Any **knowledgeable** household member who is 15 years old or older may serve as proxy. Following is a chart for your use in determining who to interview. The choices are listed in order of priority.

INTERVIEW RESPONDENT PRIORITY RULES	
WAVE	FIRST FAMILY MEMBER INTERVIEW OR RETURN VISIT INTERVIEW
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self</li> <li>2. Spouse (if any)</li> <li>3. Other proxy</li> </ol>
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self</li> <li>2. Spouse (if any)</li> <li>3. Proxy last visit</li> <li>4. New proxy</li> </ol>
3-12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self</li> <li>2. Spouse (if any)</li> <li>3. Proxy last visit</li> <li>4. Proxy at another visit</li> <li>5. New proxy</li> </ol>

If a person wishes to act as a proxy but is not a household member, you **must** call your supervisor for permission before interviewing the proxy. Enter a note in Case Management using F7.