

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"> 1. Self 2. Spouse (if any) 3. Other proxy
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self 2. Spouse (if any) 3. Proxy last visit 4. New proxy
3-12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self 2. Spouse (if any) 3. Proxy last visit 4. Proxy at another visit 5. New proxy

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.