

# 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 the 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.

<b>INTERVIEW RESPONDENT PRIORITY RULES</b>	
WAVE	FIRST FAMILY MEMBER INTERVIEW OR RETURN VISIT INTERVIEW
1	1. Self 2. Spouse (if any) 3. Other proxy
2+	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.