

## 63-1104 Determination of Separate Household Status for Elderly/Disabled Household Members

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### 63-1104.1 Definition of Separate Household Status for Elderly/Disabled

An individual who is elderly (age 60 or older) as defined in [63-1103.2](#) and his/her spouse, who is living with others, may qualify as a separate household from the others, when the elderly individual is unable to purchase food and prepare meals because he/she:

- Suffers from a disability considered permanent under the Social Security Act (refer to [63-117.3.H](#)), or
- Suffers from a non disease-related, severe permanent disability, **and**
- The income of the other household member(s) does not exceed 165% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Refer to 63-1104.3 below to view the 165% FPL Gross Income Chart, [63-101.3](#) for the definition of separate household status and [63-117.14](#) for disability verification requirements.

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### 63-1104.2 165 % of FPL Gross Income Test

The 165% FPL gross income test is not used to determine the eligibility of households with elderly and/or disabled members to CalFresh. The 165% income test is only used to determine if an elderly member, who is disabled and eating together with others, could be considered a separate household. If the elderly and disabled member is married, the spouse must be included in the elderly and disabled member's household. Refer to [63-101.3](#), and 63-1104.4.

The 165% gross income limit test has not been updated in CalWIN. The worker must complete a manual budget to determine separate household status:

- At application;
- At recertification; and
- When household composition changes.

**NOTE:** Elderly and disabled individuals claiming separate household status are responsible for obtaining the cooperation of the people with whom they reside in providing the required income verification.

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### 63-1104.3 165% of FPL

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**Gross Income Chart**

Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards for Households where Elderly/Disabled are Separate Households (165% FPL Gross Income Chart)	
Household Size	Gross Income
1	\$1,634
2	\$2,203
3	\$2,772
4	\$3,342
5	\$3,911
6	\$4,480
7	\$5,051
8	\$5,623*

\* Add \$572 for each additional member

**63-1104.4 Examples of Determination for Elderly/Disabled Separate Household Status**

A household consists of a mother, her two children and their elderly and disabled grandmother who is unable to purchase and prepare her own meals. The total household income including the grandmother's income is \$3,000. The grandmother's income is \$524.

The determination of whether the elderly grandmother can be certified as a separate household is as follows:

The household's total income:	\$3,000
Less the grandmother's gross income:	- 524
Gross net income:	\$2,476
	165% FPL for household of 3 = \$2,772

Since the household's income, not counting the elderly/disabled grandmother's income does not exceed 165% FPL for 3 people (\$2,772), the grandmother **can** be certified as a separate household.

The worker can now determine CalFresh eligibility and allotment for the elderly/disabled grandmother as a separate household from her daughter and two children.

**Scenario 2**

Same as above, except the total household income including the

grandmother's income is \$3,100, but the grandmother's income is \$300.

The household's total income:	\$3,100
Less the grandmother's gross income:	- 300
Gross net income:	\$2,800
	165% FPL for household of 3 = \$2,772

Since the household's income, not counting the elderly member's income, exceeds 165% FPL for 3 people (\$2,772), the grandmother **cannot** be certified as a separate household. In this case, the entire family, including the grandmother, must be included in one CalFresh household.

The worker must determine CalFresh eligibility and allotment for one household.

### Scenario 3

A household consists of a mother, her three children and her elderly and disabled parents. The grandmother is unable to purchase and prepare her own meals. The total household income including the grandparent's income is \$3,900. The grandmother's income is \$400 and the grandfather's income is \$600.

The household's total income:	\$3,900
Less the grandparent's gross income (\$600+\$400):	-1,000
Gross net income:	\$2,900
	165% FPL for household of 4 = \$3,342

Since the household's income, not counting the elderly/disabled grandmother's income and her spouse's income, does not exceed 165% FPL for 4 people (\$3,342), the grandparents **can** be certified as a separate household.

The worker can now determine CalFresh eligibility and allotment for the elderly/disabled grandmother and grandfather as a separate household from her daughter and three children.

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