

B Special Considerations for Elderly or Disabled NA Participants

Elderly or Disabled participants receive special considerations when budgeting and determining eligibility for their NA case.

Cases including an elderly or disabled participant are identified by AZTECS as a SPECIAL case in the following ways:

- AZTECS recognizes an elderly participant by their date of birth.
- AZTECS recognizes a disabled participant when a Y has been keyed in the DS FS field on SSDO.

A special case displays SP (special) in the FS TYPE field on CAP2 in AZTECS. This ensures that AZTECS applies special rules for the case, such as calculating the budget and setting the NA approval period. ELDERLY participants may participate as a separate NA case when they are so disabled that they cannot purchase and prepare food separately from other participants in their home. (See [Separate NA Case Status](#))

Participants who are either ELDERLY OR DISABLED, or BOTH receive the following considerations:

- An NA case including an elderly or disabled participant has a [special NA resource limit](#).
- A deduction for medical bills when their medical bills are more than \$35 per month. (See [Medical Deduction](#))

NOTE When the NA case includes more than one elderly or disabled participant, the \$35 deduction is for the NA case, not each participant. Average recurring medical expenses. (See [Medical Deduction](#))

- A deduction for the entire amount of their excess shelter expenses. Their NA case has no maximum shelter limit. (See [Shelter and Utility Allowance](#))

NOTE When the only elderly or disabled participant is disqualified because of an IPV the NA case remains eligible for the entire amount of the excess shelter expense deduction. (The NA case loses this special consideration when the disqualification is for any other reason.)

- They are not subject to the [Gross Income Standard](#).

NOTE Separate NA budgetary units, who live with elderly or disabled participants unable to buy and cook food alone, are subject to the Elderly or Disabled Gross Income Standard. (See [Optional Elderly Participants](#) and [165% of Poverty Level](#))

- They are exempt from work registration. (See [NA E&T Exemptions](#))
- Elderly participants MAY be eligible to receive NA under a group living arrangement when living in federally [subsidized housing\(g\)](#) for the elderly.
- Disabled participants MAY be eligible when living under a [group living arrangement](#) (GLA).

NOTE An approval period of 24 months can be assigned when all participants in the budgetary unit meet the elderly or disabled NA criteria.