

D Benefit Capped (BC) Children

A dependent child born or adopted during the natural or adoptive mother or father's [Family Benefit Cap Period \(FBCP\)](#) is not eligible for CA unless the child is an FBCP exempt child.

FBCP policy does not apply to [Tribal CA](#) or [RCA](#) participants.

EXCEPTION

The FBCP policy applies to Hopi Tribal TANF participants. (See [Hopi Tribal TANF Program – Family Benefit Cap Period](#))

The BC child is not eligible for CA until the month after the month of their 18th birthday.

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A BC child can receive CA prior to their 18th birthday when they become a [minor parent\(g\)](#).

Review the child's eligibility status in AZTECS on all applications dated November 01, 1995, and later to determine whether a child is Benefit Capped (BC), or whether exemptions from the FBCP apply.

Complete the following to identify whether a child is a BC child:

- Verify at each interview whether the child must be Benefit Capped or is exempt from FBCP policy by reviewing the following:
CADO
Benefit Cap Grid: Determining the BC Child (FAA-1302A) form Verification in the [case file\(g\)](#)
- Print and review **CLPR** for all FBCPs for both parents. This assists in identifying whether the mother, father, or both have had an FBCP assigned to them. Place the CLPR screen prints in the case file.

- Review [FBCP Exempt Child](#). When the dependent child meets the criteria in FBCP Exempt Children, the dependent child is eligible for CA. When the child does not meet the FBCP Exempt Children criteria, the child is a BC child.

WARNING

Once the Benefit Cap policy has been applied to a child, the Benefit Cap remains regardless of who later applies for the child. Do not add the child IN until one of the following applies:

- The child is 18 and meets the requirements to receive CA on their own.
- The child becomes a minor parent.
- The child is adopted. Benefit Cap status must be redetermined using the adoptive parents FBCP and [FBCP exemptions](#).

Complete an inquiry on the mother or father when any of the following occur:

- The child has not been Benefit Capped.
- Eligibility was not previously determined under the applicable parent. (See [Determining Whose FBCP to Use](#))
- A determination is questionable.

When there is an FBCP on **CLPR** and CA involvement does not display on CLPR, complete the following:

- Research the case file, AZTECS, and **CADO** for information to determine whether the child should be Benefit Capped.
- Request DARS. Research **AFBH** for additional information to determine whether the child should be Benefit Capped.

WARNING

Information retrieved from DARS may NOT display CA participation for the FBCP indicated on CLPR. When this occurs, the supervisor must request microfiche history by contacting the [FAA Systems Help Desk](#) via e-mail.

Provide the following information to FAA Systems:

- Case name (including any alias from CLPR)
- Case number
- Benefit months that are in question

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- Requestor's name, phone number, and FAX number

FAA Systems researches the history records on microfiche. The response from FAA Systems includes AFBH and CA participation information. Allow three [workdays\(g\)](#) for a response.

- Review the information provided by FAA Systems with a supervisor to determine whether the child should be Benefit Capped or keyed IN on **SEPA**.
- Document CADO with the child's name, date of birth or adoption, and whether the child was Benefit Capped or an FBCP exempt child. The hard copy of history records, Eligibility Window Grid and supporting verification must be placed in the case file.

NOTE This process may also be used when a potential error is discovered and must be researched.

When the mother's information is not in AZTECS, and no other information is available from FAA Systems, an FBCP does not exist. Key IN in the CA PT field on SEPA for the child. Document CADO and the case file to support the decision.

When a child is determined ineligible for CA benefits due to Family Benefit Cap Period, key the BC Participation Code in the CA PT field on SEPA. Document CADO and place the completed FAA-1302A in the case file to support the decision.

NOTE Benefit Capped children are not eligible for [CA Supportive Services](#). Benefit Capped children are potentially eligible for [Transitional Child Care](#) (TCC).

When the only eligible dependent child is the Benefit Capped child, determine the eligibility of the parent or specified relative who meets the CA eligibility criteria.

The resources and income of a Benefit Capped child are NOT considered available to the CA budgetary unit.

The CA budgetary unit that includes a Benefit Capped child is eligible to receive an [EMPOWER Deduction](#). The following apply to an EMPOWER deduction:

- Is equal to the benefit amount the child would have received had the child not been Benefit Capped.
- Is subtracted each month from the income of one or more CA participants.

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