

.01 Deemed Income of Stepparents

When a stepparent lives with CA eligible children, AZTECS determines the amount of income budgeted, based on the stepparent's Participation Code on SEPA.

[CA Case Participation](#) defines when the stepparent can be included. When the stepparent is included in the CA case, complete the following:

- Key IN in the AF PT field on SEPA next to the stepparent.
- Key all information on the appropriate screens.

When the stepparent is not included in the CA benefits and the spouse (the dependent child's parent) is in the home, complete the following:

- Key ST in the AF PT field on SEPA next to the stepparent.
- Key DEID with appropriate [deemed income deductions](#).

EXCEPTION

When the [parent\(g\)](#) is not in the home, a stepparent may apply for CA for the stepchildren as an optional participant. In this situation, when the stepparent chooses NOT to be included in the CA budgetary unit, the income of the stepparent is not deemed. Key OU in the AF PT field on SEPA.

Key all of the stepparent's information on the appropriate screens.

The resulting calculation displays in the DEEMED INCOME field on AFNN, AFIM, and AFPD.

When the stepparent is not included in the budgetary unit due to being an SSI recipient or a participant in another case, complete the following:

- Next to the stepparent, key OU in the AF PT field on SEPA.
- Key all of the stepparent's information on the appropriate screens.

NOTE AZTECS does not count either CA or SSI income for the CA budgetary unit, but includes the income when the stepparent is an IN participant for NA.