D Determining the Nutrition Assistance Benefit Amount



The maximum monthly allotments of NA benefits were issued for benefit months 04/2020 through 11/2020. See <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 04/10/2020, <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 04/29/2020, <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 06/30/2020, <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 08/03/2020, <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 09/01/2020, <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 09/01/2020, <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 10/01/2020, and <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 10/29/2020.

When issuing supplements on UNAU or processing changes for benefit months 04/2020 through 11/2020, see the <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 08/03/2020 and the <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed 04/15/2020.

AZTECS determines the benefit amount based on the information keyed. AZTECS subtracts 30% of the <u>NA net income</u> from the <u>Thrifty</u> <u>Food Plan</u> amount for the appropriate budgetary unit size. The resulting amount is the budgetary unit's eligible benefit amount before <u>recoupment</u> or <u>NA proration</u>.

When the NA budgetary unit is eligible, AZTECS performs the allotment test.

When the NA benefit for an eligible one or two participant budgetary unit is less than the <u>minimum NA allotment</u>, the benefit must be rounded up to the minimum NA allotment.

When the NA benefit for an eligible three or more participant budgetary unit is less than the minimum NA allotment, the actual benefit amount must be paid.

EXCEPTION

When budgetary unit is eligible for less than the minimum NA allotment, in an initial month due to proration, the following apply:

- The budgetary unit is in eligible no pay status when the benefit is less than \$10.
- The actual benefit must be paid when the benefit is \$10 or more. (See <u>Proration of first month's benefits</u>)
- NOTE When a household meets expanded categorical eligibility and their net income exceeds the net income limit, the household is considered to be in a No Pay Status.