

03 NA Restaurant Meals Program



The Restaurant Meals Program includes prepared meals from participating restaurants and the deli section of any participating grocery stores.

Policy

The Restaurant Meals Program (also known as the hot meals program) is an NA program that allows certain participants to use their Electronic Benefit Transaction (EBT) card to purchase prepared meals from participating restaurants and retailers.

This program is available when **all** participants in the NA budgetary unit meet **any** of the following eligibility requirements:

- Elderly (60 years of age or older)
- Has a disability (see [Elderly or Have a Disability - NA Special Considerations](#))
- [Homeless\(g\)](#)

See [Meals Program Restaurants.pdf](#) for a list of participating Arizona restaurants and retailers. Visit the DES website at des.az.gov/na or <https://des.az.gov/food-assistance> for more information on the Restaurant Meals Program and other food assistance information, including other resources and frequently asked questions.

AZTECS Keying Procedures

AZTECS automatically determines whether a budgetary unit is eligible to use their NA benefits for prepared meals based on **any** of the following:

- The age of the participant keyed on SSDO
- Whether the participant has a disability when Y is keyed on SSDO
- When the budgetary unit is considered homeless, and Y is keyed on INDA

Legal Authorities

7 CFR 248.10(a)

7 CFR 248.10(b)

7 CFR 248.10(k)

7 CFR 273.1(b)(2)

7 CFR 273.10(a)(2)

7 CFR 274.3(c)(3)

7 CFR 281.2(c)(1)

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[Prior Policy](#)

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