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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.

EXCEPTION

When an eligible one and two participant 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 between \$10 and \$16.

When the NA benefit for an eligible three or more participant budgetary unit is less than the minimum NA allotment of \$16, benefit amounts more than \$10 must be paid.

EXCEPTION

All eligible budgetary units of three or more participants are eligible no pay status for the first month when the benefit amount is less than the minimum NA allotment due to proration.