

## B Special Considerations for Elderly or Disabled NA Participants

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NA participants who are Elderly or have a disability receive special considerations when budgeting and determining eligibility for their NA case.

### EXCEPTION

Special considerations do not apply to participants who are Elderly or have a disability and they are [disqualified](#) from participation for any reason.

Cases including a participant who is elderly or has a disability are identified by AZTECS as a SPECIAL case in the following ways:

- AZTECS recognizes an elderly participant by their date of birth.
- AZTECS recognizes a participant with a disability when a Y is keyed in the DS FS field on SSDO.

A special case displays SP (special) in the FS TYPE field on CAP2 in AZTECS. This ensures that AZTECS applies special rules for the case, such as calculating the budget and setting the NA approval period. ELDERLY participants may participate as a separate NA case when they have a disability that prevents them from purchasing and preparing food separately from other participants in their home. (See [Separate NA Case Status](#))

Participants who are either ELDERLY OR have a DISABILITY, or BOTH receive the following considerations:

- An NA case including an elderly or disabled participant has a [special NA resource limit](#).
- A deduction for medical bills when their medical bills are more than \$35 per month. (See [Medical Deduction](#))

NOTE When the NA case includes multiple participants who are elderly or have a disability, the \$35 deduction is for the NA case, not each participant. Average recurring medical expenses. (See [Medical Deduction](#))

- A deduction for the entire amount of their excess shelter expenses. Their NA case has no maximum shelter limit. (See [Shelter and Utility Allowance](#))
- They are not subject to the [Gross Income Standard](#).

NOTE Separate NA budgetary units, who live with participants that are elderly with a disability and are unable to buy and cook food alone, are subject to the Elderly or Disabled Gross Income Standard at [165% of Poverty Level](#). (See [Optional NA Participants](#))

- They are exempt from work registration. (See [NA E&T Exemptions](#))
- Elderly participants MAY be eligible to receive NA under a group living arrangement when living in federally [subsidized housing\(g\)](#) for the elderly.
- Participants with a disability MAY be eligible when living under a [group living arrangement](#) (GLA).

NOTE An approval period of 24 months can be assigned when all participants in the budgetary unit meet the elderly or disability NA criteria.