

## A Return of the Absent Parent

When an absent parent returns to the home or the status of a parent must be reviewed, determine the effect of the potential changes on the case. (See [Case Participation](#) for who MUST be included in the budgetary unit)

The absent parent's return may affect only some of the children in the case, or the budgetary unit may be ineligible. Determine the following:

- Whether deprivation continues to exist (See [TPEP Eligibility Requirements](#))
- How the returning parent's income and resources affect the remaining participants' eligibility (Resources apply only to CA and the MD MA category.)

NOTE The parent cannot be part of the CA or MA budgetary unit or apply for the child when the child is in the care and custody of a [Legal Permanent Guardian](#).

Allow for [NOAA](#) to deny, stop, or decrease benefits, as appropriate, when the returning parent's income must be [deemed](#) and benefits decrease or ineligibility occurs.

When the budgetary unit is ineligible because of the absent parent's return or a parent's status has changed, take the following action:

- For CA, deny or stop benefits allowing for NOAA. Key the appropriate code on AFPD or AFED.
- For MA, determine whether ELIGIBILITY EXISTS in any other MA category. Authorize the determination on MADA. When ELIGIBILITY NO LONGER EXISTS, stop MA allowing for NOAA.

The date of ineligibility is the first day of the month following the month in which the absent parent returns. Send the appropriate notices.