

.02 Not Countable Support - CA or MA

AZTECS does not count support payments received when any of the following apply:

- The payment is intended for a child in the home who is not included in the budgetary unit.

NOTE This includes children who are not included due to [lack of deprivation](#), or as a [recipient of SSI](#).

- The payments are small nonrecurring [gifts](#) that do not exceed \$30 per quarter, per child, from an absent parent.
- The payment is a [vendor payment](#), such as rent or mortgage paid directly to the landlord or mortgagor by the absent parent. An [In-kind benefit\(g\)](#) provided by the absent parent is also not countable.
- The payment is intended for a [Benefit Capped child](#) in a CA budgetary unit (the payment is countable for MA).
- Child support payments are assigned and retained by **DCSE** when CA is approved and continues while CA remains in an OPEN status. (See Example [Child or Medical Support 1](#) and Example [Child or Medical Support 2](#))

EXCEPTION

Child support payments issued through DCSE to CA participants during the three month Grant Diversion time frame are [COUNTABLE](#).

- Do not count support arrearages. Arrearage payments are for prior months and are countable as a resource. (See [Lump Sum](#) – LIAS)

MA EXCEPTION

A nonrecurring lump sum arrearage payment is **COUNTABLE** as income in the month received. Count the unspent portion as a resource in the following month. Resources are **COUNTABLE** in the [MD](#) category only.