

.01 Dependent Need Standard

The dependent need standard is a deduction based on the CA need standard.

The CA need standard includes the needs of both of the following:

- The participant whose income is deemed
- The dependent of the participant whose income is deemed

To allow this deduction, the dependent of the participant whose income is deemed **MUST** meet the following:

- Does not receive CA benefits
- Lives with the participant whose income is deemed
- Is claimed, or is able to be claimed, as a dependent for federal income tax purposes

WARNING

The participant whose income is deemed can claim the dependent for federal income tax purposes even when the dependent is not included in the CA budgetary unit due to a disqualification.

The [A1](#) and [A2](#) need standard deductions are calculated by AZTECS based on the number of dependents and whether the participant has a shelter obligation.