

#### 04 **Nutrition Assistance Categorical Eligibility - Overview**

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When a budgetary unit is NA categorically eligible, all participants that are included and eligible to receive NA in the budgetary unit are categorically eligible.

NA Categorical Eligibility does not exist unless the budgetary unit has failed to meet one of the following:

- 130% of the current Federal Poverty Level (NA Gross Income Limit)
- The Resource Limit for NA
- The Net Income Test for NA

Categorically eligible budgetary units include participants in either of the following:

- Basic Categorical Eligibility (BCE)
- Expanded Categorical Eligibility (ECE)

**AZTECS** displays the indicated NA Case Type Code in the HH TYPE field on FSAD in the following situations:

- BCE when the NA budgetary unit is determined to be eligible for [Basic Categorical Eligibility](#).

NOTE BC displays in the TYPE field on CAP2.

- ECE when the NA budgetary unit is determined to be eligible for [Expanded Categorical Eligibility](#).

NOTE EC displays in the TYPE field on CAP2.

A budgetary unit is not categorically eligible (Basic or Expanded) when any of the [NA Categorically Eligible Exceptions](#) apply.

Policy and procedures regarding NA categorical eligibility are outlined as follows:

- [Basic Categorical Eligibility](#)
- [Expanded Categorical Eligibility](#)
- [Resources of Categorically Eligible Participants](#)
- [Categorical Eligibility Benefit Calculation](#)
- [Nutrition Assistance Categorical Eligibility Exceptions](#)
- [No Pay Status](#)
- [Categorical Eligibility Verification](#)
- [Changes in Categorical Eligibility](#)