

C ABAWD - Countable Months

An ABAWD participant may receive only [three countable months](#) in the 36-month period. A countable month is any month in which an ABAWD participant received FS and either of the following apply:

- The participant did not meet an [ABAWD exemption](#)
- The month was not an [ABAWD extension month](#)

Contact the state agency that provided FS services when the budgetary unit includes an ABAWD participant who received FS in another state. (See [State Contacts](#))

[ABAWD work requirements](#) apply to participants who DO NOT meet an ABAWD exemption. Key NE in the WERE EXPT RSN FS field.

CODF summarizes the months of benefits received by each participant as follows:

- X indicates the month is countable toward the three months limit.
- O indicates the month is NOT countable to the three month limit for the following reasons:
 - FS benefits were prorated
 - The participant met ABAWD Exemptions
 - The participant received terminated income

AZTECS displays the benefit indicators on CODF depending on the Exemption or Extension Code keyed in the WERE EXEMPT RSN field, as follows:

- X displays on CODF when the ABAWD participant does not qualify for an ABAWD work exemption and NE is keyed in the WERE EXEMPT RSN FS field.
- E or O displays on CODF when the ABAWD participant has met an ABAWD exemption or an ABAWD extension and the Exemption or Extension Code is keyed in the WERE EXEMPT RSN FS field.

AZTECS deauthorizes FS and sets an alert on EWAL when the three countable months limit is reached. When a review determines that the budgetary unit does not qualify for an ABAWD extension or exemption, complete one of the following:

- Stop FS using the AB Denial or Closure Reason Code when the FS budgetary unit includes only an ABAWD participant.
- Change the PT field on SEPA from IN to DI to disqualify the ABAWD participant when the budgetary unit includes non-ABAWD participants.

Complete the following at each interview or reported change to determine whether the participant received three countable months of FS in a 36-month period:

- Key Y in the WERE TIME LIMIT DISPL FS column.
Press ENTER to access CODF. Review CODF to determine the COUNTABLE months.
- Count backward to 12/05 beginning with the month before the month for which FS benefits are being determined. DO NOT include months before 12/05.
- Select one of the following for procedures:
[No Countable Months](#) since 12/01/05
[Three Countable Months](#) since 12/01/05