

## 02 **Expenses and Need Standard - Overview**

All programs are allowed certain deductions from income when determining benefit levels and eligibility. The deductible expenses must be verified.

AZTECS calculates the maximum ALLOWABLE deductions based on expenses keyed on EXNS as follows:

- [Child Support Expenses](#) are CONSIDERED for ALL PROGRAMS.
- [Dependent Care Expenses](#) and Incapacitated Adult Care Expenses are CONSIDERED for ALL PROGRAMS.
- Medical Expenses are CONSIDERED for NA and MA(MD) ONLY. (See [NA Medical Expenses](#) and [MD Expenses](#))
- [Shelter expenses](#) and [utility expenses](#) are considered as follows:  
For CA, the [need standard](#) is based on an obligation to pay shelter costs.  
For NA, the budgetary unit is allowed either of the following:
  - [Shelter Cost Deduction](#)
  - [NA Homeless Shelter Deduction](#)

Use EXPC to convert expenses billed more often than monthly to a monthly amount.

Policy and procedures regarding expenses are outlined as follows:

- [Expense Calculation Overview](#)
- [Types of Expenses](#)
- [Expenses of NA Participants](#)
- [CA Need Standard](#)
- [Medical Expense Types](#)
- [Shelter Expense Types](#)
- [Utility Expense Types](#)
- [Expenses Exceed Income](#)
- [Verification of Expenses](#)
- [Budgeting Expenses](#)
- [Expense Changes](#)