

## 06 CA Needy Family Test

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The CA Needy Family Test is used to determine whether the dependent child resides in a needy family. The test is based on the earned and unearned income of the [family\(g\)](#) of the [caretaker relative\(g\)](#). All people within the caretaker relative's family of the child for whom benefits are being requested must be registered to the AZTECS case so that AZTECS can perform the CA Needy Family Test.

### **EXCEPTION**

The CA Needy Family Test does not apply to [Tribal TANF](#) and Kinship Foster Care when the child is in the legal custody of [DCYF](#).

The family size of the caretaker relative is used for the CA Needy Family Test; however, the budgetary unit size is used to determine the CA grant amount. See the following examples to assist in understanding the difference between family sizes and budgetary unit sizes:

- [CA Needy Family Example 1](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 2](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 3](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 4](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 5](#)

When the adult caretaker is a non-parent specified relative of the dependent child and they are applying for the child only, then the family's combined income cannot exceed 130% of the current Federal Poverty Level.

When the caretaker relative is a parent of the dependent child or the non-parent specified relative is applying for themselves and the child, then the family's combined income cannot exceed 100% of the current Federal Poverty Level.