

A CA Payment Standard Test

The CA Payment Standard is 36% of the A1 or A2 Need Standard. This figure represents the amount of payment an eligible budgetary unit with no income would receive.

The Payment Standard is based on the number of budgetary unit participants for whom the CA benefit is intended. The CA Payment Standard is used when computing prospective eligibility based on the payment limit. The benefit payment amount is computed automatically as follows:

- NET income is subtracted from the Payment Standard.
- The remaining figure is the NET UNROUNDED PAYMENT.
When the NET UNROUNDED PAYMENT is at least one cent, the budgetary unit is prospectively eligible.
When the NET UNROUNDED PAYMENT is zero, the budgetary unit IS NOT prospectively eligible.

Complete the following when AFPD indicates the budgetary unit is eligible:

- Key the user PCN in the PAYMENT AUTH field to authorize benefits.
- Send the appropriate notice informing the PI of the decision. (See [CA Renewal Process](#) for policy regarding establishing the next renewal date)

Complete the following when AFPD indicates the budgetary unit is NOT ELIGIBLE:

- Deny NEW applications using the appropriate Denial Reason Code. (See [CA Initial Months Special Rules](#) before denying a new application)
- Key the appropriate Closure Reason Code to close CA in the DENIAL/CLOSURE REASON field.
- Send the appropriate [denial notice](#) or [closure notice](#) to inform the PI of the decision.
- Determine the first month the budgetary unit is [prospectively eligible](#) for benefits.

NOTE See [CA Ineligible Date](#) for additional policy regarding the first ineligible month.

- Complete the FA-526 Overpayment referral form when the budgetary unit received more benefits than it was eligible to receive. (See [Overpayments](#) for additional policy and procedures)

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