

03 *Prospective Eligibility for MA - Overview*

Participants can be eligible for MA when they are prospectively eligible as calculated by **AZTECS**. To be prospectively eligible, participants must meet [MA eligibility factors](#).

Complete the following to determine whether participants are prospectively eligible for MA based on the income limits:

- Use the countable income for the month being determined. (See [Budgeting Income](#), [Budgeting Self Employment](#), and [Budgeting Educational Income](#) for policy and procedures regarding countable income)
- Use allowable expenses for the month being determined. (See [Budgeting Expenses](#) for policy and procedures regarding expenses and deductions. (See [MD Expenses](#) for the MD category) AZTECS displays each participant's MA category based on the [MA eligibility](#) factors for the category.

Participants are considered to be prospectively eligible based on income standards. Eligibility exists when the total countable income meets the limit established for the following categories:

- Participants in [1931](#) must pass the following income tests:
[MA Income Maximum Standard](#)
[MA Income Standard](#)
- **S.O.B.R.A.** participants must pass the appropriate [Federal Poverty Level](#) (FPL).

AZTECS displays the details of the results of the determinations for the MA categories as follows:

- For [1931](#) budgetary units, on 31CD
- For [Individual MA](#), on MACD
- For [Medical Expense Deduction](#) (MD), on MAMD