E TMA Renewal (T2) - 185% FPL Test

AZTECS performs the <u>185% of the Federal Poverty Level</u> (FPL) test automatically, based on any of the following:

- The earned income, less dependent care, received 30 days prior to the renewal interview.
- The projected income, less dependent care, when the participant has not had earnings during the past 30 days, but anticipates returning to work.
- The earned income, less dependent care, when adding a participant to TMA. (See <u>Adding a Participant to TMA</u>)

The budgetary unit remains TMA eligible when both of the following occur:

- The TOTAL NET EARNED INCOME is equal to or less than 185% of FPL.
- All other eligibility requirements have been met.

When the budgetary unit fails the 185% FPL test using the last 30 days of projected income, recalculate using the averaged earned income received over the prior T1 six month period.

To calculate the gross earned income over the T1 six month period, complete the following:

- Anticipate the gross countable earned income for the remainder of the sixth month of the T1 period.
- Determine the actual gross countable earned income.
- Add the anticipated gross countable earned income for the sixth month of the T1 period to the actual gross countable earned income received during the T1 period.
- Average the income by dividing the total by six months to arrive at the six month average. Key the result in the EMPLOYMENT INCOME or SELF EMPLOYMENT INCOME field on TMDA.
- Document CADO and the case file with the six month earned income calculation.

Use the same process to determine the average dependent care expense. Key the averaged dependent care expense billed in the T1 period in the DEP CARE DEDUCTION field on TMDA, and press ENTER.

AZTECS completes the 185% test based on the average income, less the averaged dependent care expense.

When PASS displays in the PASS/FAIL field on TMDA, authorize the T2 period on MADA. Send the M110 notice.

When FAIL displays in the PASS/FAIL field on TMDA, complete the following:

- Authorize participants on MADA in individual MA categories
- Deny the participants when eligibility does not exist
- Send the appropriate notices.