C **State Assistance Eligibility and Benefit Determination - Payment Standard**

The Payment Standard represents the total benefits payable. The amount is 47% of the State Assistance Need Standard.

The Payment Standard is generated by AZTECS. It is calculated by multiplying the Need Standard amount by the Payment Standard percentage in the State Assistance Benefits Standard table for GA or TC cases. (See State Assistance Payment Standards)

The benefit payment amount is calculated by AZTECS as follows:

- The Total NET income is subtracted from the Payment Standard.
- The remaining figure is the NET UNROUNDED Need.

When the NET UNROUNDED Need is at least one dollar, the budgetary unit is prospectively eligible.

When the NET UNROUNDED Need is less than a dollar, the budgetary unit IS NOT prospectively eligible.

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

- Key the user PCN in the AUTH PCN field to authorize benefits.
- Send the appropriate notice informing the PI of the decision. (See Approval Periods for policy regarding establishing the next renewal date.

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

- Deny NEW applications using the appropriate Denial or Closure Reason Code.
- Key the appropriate Denial or Closure Reason Code in the DENIAL/CLOSURE REASON field to stop benefits
- Key one of the following when the denial or closure is the result of excess income:

    EI when there is earned income or self-employment income in the budgetary unit.

UI when there is no earned income or self-employment income in the budgetary unit.

- Send the appropriate denial or closure notice to inform the PI of the decision.

TC WARNING

See TC Case Completion for procedures to follow once eligibility is determined.