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**Online Guide Transmittal 2017-67  
August 25, 2017**

**To:** Department of Transitional Assistance Staff  
**From:** Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management  
Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations  
**Re:** TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2017

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**Overview**

The Department will issue a nonrecurring clothing allowance of \$250 per eligible TAFDC client under the age of 19 for September 2017.

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**Purpose**

This Online Guide Transmittal advises DTA staff about:

- who is eligible;
  - payment amounts;
  - payment dates;
  - notices; and
  - revised Online Guide pages.
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**Who is Eligible and Payment Amounts**

A payment of \$250 (separate from the semi-monthly payment) will be issued for each TAFDC eligible client under age 19 effective September 1, 2017. If a client under age 19 becomes eligible between September 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017, a supplemental payment of \$250 will be received at a later date. The schedule of supplemental payments is on page 2 of this Online Guide Transmittal.

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**Who is Eligible and Payment Amounts**  
(continued)

**Note:** A child born after a family cap date is ineligible for a clothing allowance, unless a waiver or exception of the family cap rule for that child has been granted by September 30 of the year in question. Children receiving SSI as well as ineligible noncitizen children are also not eligible for a clothing allowance.

**Payment Dates**

For clients eligible on September 1, all clothing allowance payments are available to clients on August 30, 2017, either through direct deposit or EBT.

For clients eligible during the month of September 2017, supplemental payments will be available on September 22, October 20, November 17 and December 22 (notices should arrive on or about those dates) either through direct deposit or EBT, based on approval on the dates in the chart below:

Clients eligible during September and are approved between:	Supplemental clothing allowance issuance date:
Sept 1 – Sept 18	Sept 22
Sept 19 – Oct 16	Oct 20
Oct 17 – Nov 13	Nov 17
Nov 14 – Dec 18	Dec 22

**Notices**

Clients will be sent a notice informing them of the clothing allowance and the amount of the clothing allowance, on or about the date the clothing allowance becomes available.

**Revised Online Guide Pages**

The following Online Guide pages have been revised:

**Topic:** Scheduled Mailings/Projects  
**Book:** Clothing Allowance  
**Page:** Clothing Allowance

**Topic:** Notices/Forms  
**Book:** TAFDC  
**Chapter:** TAFDC Notices  
**Page:** Clothing Allowance

**Obsolete  
Transmittal**

The following Online Guide Transmittal is obsolete:

- OLG 2016 – 38, TAFDC Clothing Allowance, September 2016
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**Questions**

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.

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