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**Online Guide Transmittal 2018-61  
August 24, 2018**

**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From: Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations**  
**Re: TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2018**

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**Overview**

The Department will issue a nonrecurring clothing allowance to eligible TAFDC clients under the age of 19 for September 2018. This year the Legislature raised the amount of this benefit to \$350 per eligible TAFDC client.

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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 \$350 (separate from the semi-monthly payment) will be issued for each TAFDC eligible client under age 19 effective September 1, 2018. If a client under age 19 becomes eligible between September 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018, a supplemental payment of \$350 per eligible child will be received at a later date. The schedule of supplemental payments is displayed on page 2 of this Online Guide Transmittal.

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

It is important to note that a child born after the 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. Also not eligible for a clothing allowance are ineligible noncitizen children and children receiving SSI.

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**Payment Dates**

For clients eligible on September 1, all clothing allowance payments are available to clients on August 30, 2018, either through direct deposit or EBT.

For clients eligible during the month of September 2018, supplemental payments will be available on September 21, October 19, November 23 and December 21 (notices should arrive on or about those dates) either through direct deposit or EBT, based on approval displayed on the dates in the chart below:

Clients eligible during September and are approved between:	Supplemental clothing allowance issuance date:
Sept 1 – Sept 19	Sept 21
Sept 20 – Oct 17	Oct 19
Oct 20 – Nov 21	Nov 23
Nov 22 – Dec 19	Dec 21

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**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  
**Page:** TAFDC Notices

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**Obsolete Transmittal**

The following Online Guide Transmittal is obsolete:

- OLG 2017 – 67, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2017.
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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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