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**Online Guide Transmittal 2019-73
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations
Re: TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2019

Overview

The Department will issue a nonrecurring clothing allowance to eligible TAFDC clients under the age of 19 for September 2019. This year the Legislature set the amount of this benefit to \$350 per eligible TAFDC client.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal advises DTA staff about:

- who is eligible;
- payment amounts;
- payment dates;
- notices; and
- revised Online Guide pages.

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, 2019. If a client under age 19 becomes eligible between September 1, 2019 and September 30, 2019, a supplemental payment of \$350 per eligible child will be received at a later date.

Who is Eligible and Payment Amounts (continued)

The schedule of supplemental payments is displayed on page 2 of this Online Guide Transmittal.

It is important to note that ineligible noncitizen children and children receiving SSI are 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, 2019.

For clients eligible during the month of September 2019, supplemental payments will be available on September 20, October 18, November 22 and December 20 (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: |
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| August 26 – Sept 17 | Sept 20 |
| Sept 18 – Oct 15 | Oct 18 |
| Oct 16 – Nov 19 | Nov 22 |
| Nov 20 – Dec 17 | Dec 20 |

**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

The following Online Guide pages have been revised:

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

Topic: Scheduled Mailings/Projects
Book: Clothing Allowance
Page: Clothing Allowance Policy and Procedures

Topic: Notices/Forms
Book: TAFDC
Page: TAFDC Notices

**Obsolete
Transmittal**

The following Online Guide Transmittals are obsolete:

- OLG 2018 – 61, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2018;
 - OLG 2019 – 62, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2019;
and
 - OLG 2019 – 66, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2019.
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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 them to the DTA.ProceduralIssues Mailbox.

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