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**Online Guide Transmittal 2023-57  
August 17, 2023**

**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**  
**Re: TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2023**

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**Overview**

The Department will issue a nonrecurring clothing allowance to eligible TAFDC clients under the age of 19 for September 2023. This year the amount of this benefit is \$450 per eligible TAFDC client. Children who do not receive TAFDC are not eligible for this benefit.

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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 & Payment Amounts**

A payment of \$450 (separate from the semi-monthly payment) will be issued for each TAFDC eligible client under age 19 effective September 1, 2023. If a client under age 19 becomes eligible between September 1, 2023, and September 29, 2023, a supplemental payment of \$450 per eligible child will be issued at a later date.

**Payment Dates**

For clients who are eligible on September 1<sup>st</sup>, all clothing allowance payments are expected to be available to clients on August 25, 2023.

For clients eligible during the month of September 2023, supplemental payments are expected to be available on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Notices are anticipated to 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:
August 25 – Sept 19	Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sept 20 – Oct 17	Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>
Oct 18– Nov 21	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>
Nov 22 – Dec 19	Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>

**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**

With this issuance, Online Guide Transmittal, OLG 2022-65, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2022 is obsolete.

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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 DTA.Procedural Issues.

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

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