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**Field Operations Memo 2000-24**  
**September 1, 2000**

**To:** Transitional Assistance Office Staff

**From:**  Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

**Re:** September 2000 Clothing Allowance

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**Introduction**

The Legislature has authorized and the Governor has approved a nonrecurring clothing allowance in September 2000 for TAFDC recipients. The clothing allowance is \$150 per recipient under the age of 19. The clothing allowance is prorated for those eligible in September 2000 but who have a start date after September 1, 2000.

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**Desk Guide**

Page two is a desk guide for AU Managers. The desk guide includes the clothing allowance payment schedule. No action needs to be taken by AU Managers to have the payments issued. The payments are authorized by Central Office.

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**Direct  
Deposit/EBT**

Recipients on direct deposit will receive the clothing allowance as a separate payment that will be deposited into their bank account. Recipients on EBT will receive the clothing allowance as a separate payment that will be transferred into their EBT account.

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**Questions**

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at (617)348-8478.

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**Clothing Allowance Desk Guide for September 2000**

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<b>Who</b>	All TAFDC recipients under age 19 who are active September 1, 2000 or TAFDC-eligible during the month of September 2000 are eligible for a clothing allowance. A child born after the family cap date is ineligible for a clothing allowance, unless a waiver of the family cap has been granted.
<b>Amount</b>	A separate systems-generated "P" payment is issued for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$150 per recipient under age 19 eligible September 1, 2000; or</li><li>• a prorated amount, if eligible for part of September 2000.</li></ul>
<b>Notices</b>	English and Spanish - NCA- (9/00)
<b>Policy</b>	106 CMR 204.400 through 204.425 Eligibility standards are increased \$277.50 per applicant/recipient under age 19, and Need and Payment Standards are increased \$150 per applicant/recipient under age 19. In October 2000, the standards return to regular amounts. The system recalculates eligibility and sends notices to recipients no longer eligible for TAFDC benefits.
<b>Payment Dates</b>	The clothing allowance payment will be available to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EBT recipients for SSNs ending in 0 to 4 on August 30 and for SSNs ending in 5 to 9 on August 31; and</li><li>• direct deposit recipients for SSNs ending in 0 to 4 on August 31 and for SSNs ending in 5 to 9 on September 1.</li></ul> <p>Subsequent deposit/transfer dates will be done September 13, October 13 and November 13 for cases opened/reopened after September 1, 2000.</p>
<b>Effect on Food Stamp Benefits</b>	The clothing allowance payment is not countable income for food stamp purposes as it is considered a one-time nonrecurring payment.

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