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**Field Operations Memo 2002-19**  
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**To:** Transitional Assistance Office Staff  
**From:**  Cescia Derderian, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations  
**Re:** TAFDC - Clothing Allowance, September 2002

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**Introduction**

The Department will pay a nonrecurring clothing allowance for September 2002 for TAFDC recipients. The clothing allowance is \$150 per recipient under the age of 19. The clothing allowance is prorated for recipients eligible in September 2002 but who have a start date after September 1, 2002.

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**Desk Guide**

Pages two and three are 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 clothing allowance 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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**Payment Dates** The clothing allowance payment will be available to grantees according to the following chart.

ENDING SSN	PAYMENT TYPE	DATES
0 to 4 5 to 9	for EBT	August 29 after 6:00 PM August 31 after 6:00 AM
0 to 9	for direct deposit	August 30 any time

Subsequent dates for direct deposits or transfers will be available on September 19, October 17, and November 21 for AUs opened/reopened on or after September 1, 2002.

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**Payment Information** Information on the date and amount of a grantee's clothing allowance may be found by accessing the BB windows on Gateway or the Benefit History tab on BEACON.

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**Effect on Food Stamp Benefits** 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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