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Online Guide Transmittal 2024-47
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Commissioner for Local Implementation and Special Populations
Re: TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2024

Overview

The Department will issue a nonrecurring clothing allowance to eligible TAFDC clients under the age of 19 for September 2024. This year the amount of this benefit is \$500 per eligible TAFDC client. Children who do not receive TAFDC are not eligible for this benefit.

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 \$500 (separate from the semi-monthly payment) will be issued for each TAFDC eligible client under age 19 effective August 30, 2024. If a client under age 19 becomes eligible between September 1, 2024, and September 30, 2024, a supplemental payment of \$500 per eligible child will be issued at a later date.

Payment Dates

For clients who are eligible on September 1st, all clothing allowance payments are expected to be available to clients on August 30, 2024.

For clients who become eligible during the month of September 2024, supplemental payments are expected to be available on September 20th, October 18th, November 22nd and December 20th. Clients will be sent a notice informing them of the clothing allowance and their amount.

Clients eligible during September and are approved between:	Supplemental clothing allowance issuance date:
August 28 th – Sept 17 th	Sept 20 th
Sept 18 th – Oct 15 th	Oct 18 th
Oct 16 th – Nov 19 th	Nov 22 nd
Nov 20 th – Dec 17 th	Dec 20 th

Communication

Planned for early August 2024, the following text message and DTA Connect alert will notify the above-mentioned clients of the clothing allowance.

“Your household is getting a TAFDC clothing allowance this year. Check your balance on DTA Connect.”

These text messages and DTA alerts will be sent in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Chinese based on the language on file. Those with Heightened Level of Security (HLS) or who have affirmatively opted-out of text messaging and alerts from DTA will be excluded. Text messages are sent regardless of the phone type listed on BEACON.

**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

The following Online Guide page has been revised:

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

**Obsolete
Transmittal**

With this issuance, Online Guide Transmittal, OLG 2023-57, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2023 is obsolete.

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.
