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State Letter 1357
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TO: Department Staff
 FROM: Julia E. Kehoe, Commissioner
 RE: Clothing Allowance - TAFDC

This State Letter transmits a change in the TAFDC Eligibility, Need and Payment Standards regulations for the month of March 2010 and thereafter.

Beginning in 2010, the Department will be able to provide a nonrecurring clothing allowance or other one-time nonrecurring payment to eligible TAFDC recipients, in the event such an allowance or payment is authorized in the budget, without an annual change in these regulations.

This material is effective March 5, 2010.

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Financial Eligibility**

204.400: Table of Eligibility Standards - Exempt Assistance Units

The figures in the Eligibility Standards columns are used in the 185% test of financial eligibility (see 106 CMR 204.260(A)) for exempt assistance units. If in any month the total gross income of the filing unit, excluding only the types of noncountable income listed in 106 CMR 204.250, is above the appropriate Eligibility Standard for the exempt assistance unit, the assistance unit is ineligible. Column A is used for assistance units that are not eligible for the Rent Allowance, and Column B is used for assistance units that are eligible for the Rent Allowance (see 106 CMR 705.910).

<u>Assistance Unit Size</u>	<u>A. Eligibility Standards No Rent Allowance</u>	<u>B. Eligibility Standards With Rent Allowance</u>
1	\$717.80	\$791.80
2	908.35	982.35
3	1,097.05	1,171.05
4	1,278.35	1,352.35
5	1,465.20	1,539.20
6	1,657.60	1,731.60
7	1,844.45	1,918.45
8	2,029.45	2,103.45
9	2,214.45	2,288.45
10	2,401.30	2,475.30
Incremental	194.25	194.25

In the event a clothing allowance or other one-time nonrecurring payment is authorized in the General Appropriations Act which temporarily increases the Eligibility Standards, the revised Eligibility Standards will be specified at Mass.gov/dta at Program Eligibility Charts and Tables during the effected time period. Paper copies are available upon request.

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204.405: Table of Eligibility Standards - Nonexempt Assistance Units

The figures in the Eligibility Standards columns are used in the 185% test of financial eligibility (see 106 CMR 204.260(A)) for nonexempt assistance units. If in any month the total gross income of the filing unit, excluding only the types of noncountable income listed in 106 CMR 204.250, is above the appropriate Eligibility Standard for the nonexempt assistance unit, the assistance unit is ineligible. Column A is used for assistance units that are not eligible for the Rent Allowance, and Column B is used for assistance units that are eligible for the Rent Allowance (see 106 CMR 705.910).

<u>Assistance Unit Size</u>	<u>A. Eligibility Standard No Rent Allowance</u>	<u>B. Eligibility Standard With Rent Allowance</u>
1	\$699.30	\$773.30
2	884.30	958.30
3	1,069.30	1,143.30
4	1,245.05	1,319.05
5	1,428.20	1,502.20
6	1,613.20	1,687.20
7	1,796.35	1,870.35
8	1,973.95	2,047.95
9	2,155.25	2,229.25
10	2,336.55	2,410.55
Incremental	190.55	190.55

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204.410: Table of Need Standards - Exempt Assistance Units

The figures in the Need Standards columns are used in the test of financial eligibility. Column A is used for exempt assistance units that are not eligible for the Rent Allowance, and Column B is used for exempt assistance units that are eligible for the Rent Allowance (see 106 CMR 705.910). If the countable monthly income of the filing unit is at or below the appropriate Need Standard for the exempt assistance unit, the assistance unit is financially eligible. The monthly grant is the difference between the appropriate Need Standard and countable income after appropriate disregards have been applied so long as the difference does not exceed the appropriate Payment Standard (see 106 CMR 204.420). If the difference between the appropriate Need Standard and countable income exceeds the appropriate Payment Standard, the monthly grant shall equal the Payment Standard.

<u>Assistance Unit Size</u>	A. <u>Need Standards No Rent Allowance</u>	B. <u>Need Standards With Rent Allowance</u>
1	\$388.00	\$428.00
2	491.00	531.00
3	593.00	633.00
4	691.00	731.00
5	792.00	832.00
6	896.00	936.00
7	997.00	1,037.00
8	1,097.00	1,137.00
9	1,197.00	1,237.00
10	1,298.00	1,338.00
Incremental	105.00	105.00

In the event a clothing allowance or other one-time nonrecurring payment is authorized in the General Appropriations Act which temporarily increases the Need Standards, the revised Need Standards will be specified at Mass.gov/dta at Program Eligibility Charts and Tables during the effected time period. Paper copies are available upon request.

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204.415: Table of Need Standards - Nonexempt Assistance Units

The figures in the Need Standards columns are used in the test of financial eligibility. Column A is used for nonexempt assistance units that are not eligible for the Rent Allowance, and Column B is used for nonexempt assistance units that are eligible for the Rent Allowance (see 106 CMR 705.910). If the countable monthly income of the filing unit is at or below the appropriate Need Standard for the nonexempt assistance unit, the assistance unit is financially eligible. The monthly grant is the difference between the appropriate Need Standard and countable income after appropriate disregards have been applied so long as the difference does not exceed the appropriate Payment Standard (see 106 CMR 204.425). If the difference between the appropriate Need Standard and countable income exceeds the appropriate Payment Standard, the monthly grant shall equal the Payment Standard.

<u>Assistance Unit Size</u>	<u>A. Need Standard No Rent Allowance</u>	<u>B. Need Standard With Rent Allowance</u>
1	\$378.00	\$418.00
2	478.00	518.00
3	578.00	618.00
4	673.00	713.00
5	772.00	812.00
6	872.00	912.00
7	971.00	1,011.00
8	1,067.00	1,107.00
9	1,165.00	1,205.00
10	1,263.00	1,303.00
Incremental	103.00	103.00

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204.420: Table of Payment Standards - Exempt Assistance Units

The figures in the Payment Standards columns are the maximum amounts that an exempt assistance unit may receive as a monthly grant. Column A is used for exempt assistance units that are not eligible for the Rent Allowance, and Column B is used for exempt assistance units that are eligible for the Rent Allowance. (See 106 CMR 705.910.)

<u>Assistance Unit Size</u>	<u>A. Payment Standards: No Rent Allowance</u>	<u>B. Payment Standards: With Rent Allowance</u>
1	\$388.00	\$428.00
2	491.00	531.00
3	593.00	633.00
4	691.00	731.00
5	792.00	832.00
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204.425: Table of Payment Standards - Nonexempt Assistance Units

The figures in the Payment Standards columns are the maximum amounts that a nonexempt assistance unit may receive as a monthly grant. Column A is used for nonexempt assistance units that are not eligible for the Rent Allowance, and Column B is used for nonexempt assistance units that are eligible for the Rent Allowance. (See 106 CMR 705.910.)

<u>Assistance Unit Size</u>	<u>A. Payment Standards: No Rent Allowance</u>	<u>B. Payment Standards: With Rent Allowance</u>
1	\$378.00	\$418.00
2	478.00	518.00
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