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Field Operations Memo 97-48
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TO: Local Office Staff
FROM: Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: September 1997 Clothing Allowance

Introduction The Legislature has authorized and the Governor has approved a nonrecurring clothing allowance in TAFDC for September 1997. The clothing allowance is \$150 per recipient under the age of 19. The clothing allowance is prorated for those who are eligible in September 1997 but have a start date after September 1, 1997. (Any AFDC recipient not yet transitioned to TAFDC who meets the age guidelines is also eligible.)

Desk Guide Page two is a desk guide regarding the clothing allowance. No action needs to be taken by workers to have the payments issued.

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

Questions Any questions concerning the clothing allowance should be directed to the Policy Hotline by your Hotline designee at (617) 348-8478.

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CLOTHING ALLOWANCE DESK GUIDE FOR SEPTEMBER 1997

Who All TAFDC (or AFDC for those who have not yet been transitioned) recipients under age 19 who are active September 1, 1997 or eligible during September 1997. A child born after the family cap date is ineligible for the clothing allowance, unless a waiver of the family cap has been granted.

Amount A separate system-generated "P" payment in the amount of:

- \$150 per recipient under age 19 eligible September 1, 1997;
- a prorated amount, if eligible for part of September 1997; or
- a combined clothing allowance and grant payment when the grant is less than \$10.

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Policy 106 CMR 204.400 through 204.425
Eligibility Standards increased \$277.50 per applicant/recipient under age 19, and Need and Payment standards increased \$150 per applicant/recipient under age 19.

In October 1997, the standards return to regular amounts. The system recalculates eligibility and sends notices to recipients who are no longer eligible.

Payment	<u>SSN</u>	<u>Check/Deposit/ Transfer Date</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>Check/Deposit/ Transfer Date</u>
	0-4	9/2	5-9	9/3

Subsequent check/deposit/transfer dates will be 9/29, 10/20 and 11/17 for cases opened after 9/1/97.

Effect on FS The clothing allowance is noncountable income for Food Stamp purposes as it is a one-time nonrecurring payment.
