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**Field Operations Memo 99-20 A**  
**September 1, 1999**

**To:** Transitional Assistance Office Staff

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

**Re:** September 1999 Clothing Allowance

**Introduction**

Although the State budget has not been approved, a clothing allowance will be paid for September 1999 in TAFDC. At this time, the clothing allowance will be paid only to active recipients selected on August 27, 1999 and eligible on September 1, 1999.

No action needs to be taken by the Transitional Assistance Worker to have the clothing allowance payments issued.

**Who will get the Clothing Allowance**

The clothing allowance is \$150 for each eligible person under 19 years old. A dependent child not receiving cash benefits because of a Learnfare sanction is eligible for the clothing allowance.

A child born after the family cap date is ineligible for the clothing allowance, unless a waiver of the family cap has been granted.

**Direct Deposit or 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.

<b>Payment Date</b>	<b><u>SSN</u></b>	<b><u>Available Date</u></b>	<b><u>SSN</u></b>	<b><u>Available Date</u></b>
	0-4	9/1	5-9	9/2

<b>Notice</b>	Recipients eligible for the clothing allowance will receive a "Clothing Allowance -TAFDC" (NCA-2 9/99) notice in English and Spanish.
<b>Effect on FS</b>	The clothing allowance is noncountable income for Food Stamp purposes as it is a one-time nonrecurring payment.
<b>Further Instructions</b>	Details on recipients eligible for a clothing allowance after the initial select date of August 27, 1999 will be forthcoming.
<b>Questions</b>	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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