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TO: LOCAL OFFICE STAFF
FROM: JOYCE SAMPSON, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR FIELD AND ELIGIBILITY OPERATIONS
RE: SEPTEMBER 1995 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR AFDC AND RRP

Introduction The Legislature has authorized and the Governor has approved a nonrecurring clothing allowance in AFDC and RRP for September 1995. The clothing allowance is \$150 per recipient under the age of 19. The clothing allowance is prorated for those who are eligible in September 1995 but have a start date after September 1, 1995.

Desk Guide Attached for your information is a desk guide regarding the clothing allowance. No action needs to be taken by workers to have checks issued. Recipients on direct deposit will receive the clothing allowance as a separate mailed check.

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 1995

Who • AFDC and RRP recipients under age 19 who are active September 1, 1995 or eligible during September 1995.

Amount • A separate system-generated check as a "P" payment in the amount of:

- \$150 per recipient under age 19 eligible September 1, 1995;
- a prorated amount, if eligible for part of September 1995;
- a combined check for grant and clothing allowance when grant is less than \$10; or
- a check as a "P" payment will be mailed to recipients on direct deposit.

Notices • English and Spanish - NCA-1 (9/95)

Policy • 106 CMR 304.400, 304.410, 304.420

- AFDC Eligibility Standard increased \$277.50 per applicant/recipient under age 19, and
- AFDC Need and Payment Standards increased \$150 per applicant/recipient under age 19.

In October 1995, the standards return to regular amounts. The system recalculates eligibility and sends notices to recipients who are no longer eligible.

Check Dates	<u>SSN ENDING</u>	<u>MAIL DATE</u>	<u>CHECK DATE</u> (expected receipt date)
	0 - 3	8/31	9/1
	4 - 6	9/1	9/2
	7 - 9	9/5	9/6

Subsequent mailing dates will be 9/29, 10/20 and 11/17 for applications approved on or after 9/1/95.

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