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TO: LOCAL OFFICE STAFF
FROM: JOYCE SAMPSON
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RE: SEPTEMBER 1996 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR TAFDC AND
AFDC

Introduction

The Legislature has authorized and the Governor has approved a nonrecurring clothing allowance in TAFDC and AFDC for September 1996. The clothing allowance is \$150 per recipient under the age of 19. The clothing allowance is prorated for those who are eligible in September 1996 but have a start date after September 1, 1996.

Desk Guide

Attached for your information is a desk guide regarding the clothing allowance. No action needs to be taken by workers to have the payments issued.

**Direct
Deposit**

This year recipients on direct deposit will receive the clothing allowance as a separate payment that will be deposited into their bank accounts.

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 1996

Who • TAFDC and AFDC recipients under age 19 who are active September 1, 1996 or eligible during September 1996.

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

- \$150 per recipient under age 19 eligible September 1, 1996;
- a prorated amount, if eligible for part of September 1996; or
- a combined clothing allowance and grant payment when the grant is less than \$10.

Notices • English and Spanish - NCA-1 (9/96).

Policy • 106 CMR 204.400 through 204.425 (TAFDC)
106 CMR 304.400 through 304.420 (AFDC)

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

In October 1996, the standards return to regular amounts. The system recalculates eligibility and sends notices to recipients who are no longer eligible.

Payment Dates	<u>SSN ENDING</u>	<u>MAIL DATE</u>	<u>CHECK or DEPOSIT DATE</u> (expected receipt date)
	0 - 4 and direct deposit recipients	8/31	9/3
	5 - 9	9/3	9/4

Subsequent mailing dates will be 9/30, 10/21 and 11/18 for cases opened after 9/1/96.

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