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**Online Guide Transmittal 2020-58
August 21, 2020**

To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2020

Overview

The Department will issue a nonrecurring clothing allowance to eligible TAFDC clients under the age of 19 for September 2020. This year the amount of this benefit is \$350 per eligible TAFDC client.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal advises DTA staff about:

- who is eligible;
 - payment amounts;
 - payment dates;
 - notices; and
 - revised Online Guide pages.
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Who is Eligible and Payment Amounts

A payment of \$350 (separate from the semi-monthly payment) will be issued for each TAFDC eligible client under age 19 effective September 1, 2020. If a client under age 19 becomes eligible between September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020, a supplemental payment of \$350 per eligible child will be received at a later date.

Who is Eligible and Payment Amounts (continued)

The schedule of supplemental payments is displayed on page 2 of this Online Guide Transmittal.

Ineligible noncitizen children and children receiving SSI are not eligible for a clothing allowance.

Payment Dates

For clients eligible on September 1, all clothing allowance payments are planned to be available to clients on August 28, 2020.

For clients eligible during the month of September 2020, supplemental payments are planned to be available on September 18, October 23, November 20 and December 18 (notices should arrive on or about those dates) either through direct deposit or EBT, based on approval displayed on the dates in the chart below:

Clients eligible during September and are approved between:	Supplemental clothing allowance issuance date:
August 26 – Sept 15	Sept 18
Sept 16 – Oct 20	Oct 23
Oct 21 – Nov 17	Nov 20
Nov 18 – Dec 15	Dec 18

**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

The following Online Guide pages have been revised:

Topic: Scheduled Mailings/Projects
Book: Clothing Allowance
Page: Clothing Allowance

Topic: Scheduled Mailings/Projects
Book: Clothing Allowance
Page: Clothing Allowance Policy and Procedures

Topic: Notices/Forms
Book: TAFDC
Page: TAFDC Notices

**Obsolete
Transmittal**

With this issuance, Online Guide Transmittal, OLG 2019 – 73, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2019 is obsolete.

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Procedural Issues Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
