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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-72
September 22, 2021**

To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: TAFDC – Clothing Allowance, September 2021

Overview

The Department will issue a nonrecurring clothing allowance to eligible TAFDC clients under the age of 19 for September 2021. 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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Eligibility & Payments

A payment of \$350 (separate from the semi-monthly payment) will be issued for each TAFDC eligible client under age 19 effective September 1, 2021. The clothing allowance payment will be provided through the same benefit issuance mechanism that the client's regular TAFDC grant is paid. If a client under age 19 becomes eligible between September 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021, a full payment of \$350 per eligible child will be received at a later date. Ineligible noncitizen children and children receiving SSI are not eligible for a clothing allowance.

Communication Clients will receive a notice regarding the issuance of the clothing allowance payment. A text message will be sent to clients notifying them of the benefit, unless they have Heightened Level of Security or have opted-out of text messaging. DTA Connect alert will also be posted.

Payment Dates For clients eligible on September 1, all clothing allowance payments are planned to be available on August 27th.

For clients eligible during the month of September 2021, supplemental payments will be issued based on the date they are approved. The supplemental clothing allowance payment dates are displayed in the chart below:

Clients eligible during September and are approved between:	Supplemental clothing allowance issuance date:
August 27 – Sept 14	Sept 24
Sept 15 – Oct 19	Oct 22
Oct 20 – Nov 16	Nov 19
Nov 17 – Dec 14	Dec 24

Revised Online Guide Pages The following Online Guide pages have been revised:

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

Obsolete Transmittal With this issuance, Online Guide Transmittal, OLG2021-67 and OLG2020 – 58, TAFDC – Clothing Allowance is obsolete.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 DTA.Procedural Issues.

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