
EFFECTIVE

September 1, 2012.

Subject

Children's Clothing Allowance (bulletin only).

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (FIP)

The 2012 Fiscal Appropriation Act included funding for the children's clothing allowance. The allowance is intended to assist FIP families to purchase clothing for their children.

The children's clothing allowance for the 2012 fiscal year is \$100 per individual and is excluded as income for all programs.

**ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA**

- Child-Only FIP cases.
- Children between the ages of 5-17; including children age 4 turning 5 or age 17 turning 18 at any point in September.
- Eligible for FIP during September 2012; including SSI eligible children in the FIP EDG for September 2012.

Definition

Child-only cases are defined as cases in which there is **not** an eligible adult on the case. These could include the following:

- Ineligible grantees (grandparents, aunt or uncle that are not required to be a part of the case).
- Parent(s) receiving SSI.
- Unrelated guardians who are court appointed.

PAYMENTS

Bridges will automatically issue supplements for the clothing allowance to groups with qualifying children who are eligible for FIP payments in Bridges as of the single deadline date for August 31, 2012. The children's clothing allowance supplement is deposited into the client's EBT cash account.

The supplement amount will include \$100 for each SSI eligible child and eligible child ages 5-17. The supplement will be automatically issued if the FIP EDG is active on August 31, 2012 for September benefits. A supplement will be deposited into the client's EBT cash account at the same time as the FIP payment is issued, but will appear on a separate line. The supplement will be viewable in Bridges, View Benefits, under Benefit Issuance.

Any request for new case openings or member adds for September 2012 that are processed after the initial clothing allowance monthly payroll run for September will require an exception. Please contact application support in order to request a supplement for the case.

Note: Once the funding for the children's clothing allowance is depleted, there will be no additional funds allocated, regardless of the eligibility of the case.

A letter from the Department of Human Services Director, Maura Corrigan, is mailed to eligible clothing allowance supplement households in August (see attached). This letter advises eligible families of the allowance coming in September to help with the cost of children's clothing.

For questions regarding this bulletin please contact the Employment and Training Program policy mailbox: Policy-Employment@michigan.gov.

EXHIBIT

Copy of Letter from Director Corrigan



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

MAURA D. CORRIGAN
DIRECTOR

August 15, 2012

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Our records indicate you receive Family Independence Program (FIP) assistance for a child(ren) in your home. In September you will receive a clothing allowance in the amount of \$100 for each child to aid in the purchase of school clothing for the upcoming school year. These funds will be deposited on your Bridge Card during the first week of September if your family is eligible for FIP assistance in September 2012.

Thank you for your commitment to your children. We wish you and your children success in the new school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Berger".

Duane Berger
Chief Deputy Director

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**