General Information Memorandum

ISD-GI 16-43

TO: ISD & SL Start Employees

FROM: Sean Pearson, Deputy Secretary, Income Support Division

RE: 2016 Clothing Allowance for Cash

DATE: July 28, 2016

This GI is being issued regarding the special needs clothing allowance payments allowed per regulation at 8.102.500.8E (1) NMAC. Effective August 1st, 2016, eligible cash assistance households will receive the annual clothing allowance.

The annual $100.00 clothing allowance is issued to all minor children, currently receiving TANF/NMW (including Education Works and Wage Stability) and GA-Unrelated Child. Eligible children are those who are between the ages of 6 (the child must turn 6 years of age before September 1) and 18 years of age. This amount is issued with regular August 2016 cash payment and is issued per eligible child and this special allowance is not considered for eligibility against any other COE.

The below notice was issued to all applicable households to explain this special payment. This notice was issued via the Business Operations Center and is not viewable in ASPEN. A case comment was placed on all affected cases in ASPEN stating, “2016 clothing allowance issued, notice sent to household.”

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<td>Your TANF/NMW cash assistance benefits may increase for August 2016. You will receive your normal benefit amount for September 2016 unless any changes were reported that would allow for a change in benefit level amounts.</td>
<td>Sus beneficios de asistencia económica de TANF/NMW pueden aumentar por agosto 2016. Usted recibirá su cantidad normal a menos que cambios fueran reportados que permitieran un cambio en la cantidad de nivel de beneficio.</td>
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<td>If eligible, your TANF/NMW cash assistance benefits will increase by $100 for each school age child, ages 6-18 years. This allowance is available in August 2016 only.</td>
<td>Si califica sus beneficios de asistencia económica de TANF/NMW se incrementará en $100 por cada niño en edad escolar, edades de 6 a 18 años. Esta prestación está disponible solo en agosto de 2016.</td>
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This payment will be viewed on the benefit issuance screen.
1. The summary lists clothing allowance as supplements.

2. The details of the supplement benefit will indicate that this is a clothing allowance benefit.

If you have any questions regarding this GI, please contact Suzanne Duran-Vigil at 505-827-7289 or SuzanneP.Duran-Vigil@state.nm.us