

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Clothing Allowance Fact Sheet

1. What is the TANF Clothing Allowance?

The TANF Clothing Allowance is a special allowance that may be issued to assist in preparing a child for school. The issuance of the allowance is based on the availability of state and federal funds. (8.102.500.8(E) NMAC)

2. What are the program requirements?

For purposes of determining eligibility, a child who meets one of the following, is eligible:

- School age, if the child is six years of age or older and less than age 19 by the end of August.
- Included in the TANF, state funded qualified aliens, or Education Works Program cash assistance benefit group, General Assistance for Unrelated Child.

3. History

1998 to 2005: The Department issued an annual clothing allowance of \$44.00 per school-age child each August.

2006 – 2007: The Department increased the annual clothing allowance payment from \$44.00 to \$100.00 for each school-age child included in the benefit group.

2008 – 2010: The Department began issuing the \$100.00 clothing allowance two times per year for each school age child. The clothing allowance was issued in January and August.

2011 – 2015: The Department reduced the clothing allowance to an annual issuance and reduced the payment from \$100.00 to \$50.00.

2016: The Department began issuing the clothing allowance two times per year for each school age child. The clothing allowance issued in January was \$50.00, and the clothing allowance issued in August was \$100.00.

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3. Expenditures

SFY	Total Expenditures
2017*	\$2,022,150
2016	\$1,459,600
2015	\$ 805,750
2014	\$ 796,350
2013	\$ 895,300
2012	\$ 998,550
2011	\$ 993,800
2010	\$2,091,900
2009	\$1,556,600
2008	\$1,506,500
2007	\$1,496,000
2006	\$1,497,000

*Through December 2016

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