

Practice Alert



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Clothing Allowance

The purpose of this practice alert is to highlight clothing allowance utilization and reduce misuse. The clothing allowance and clothing vouchers are to be used for clothes and shoes only and must have an appropriate receipt for payment. When discussing the clothing allowance with resource providers and/or providing resource provides with clothing vouchers, please remind them of these restrictions.

Common Clothing Allowance Errors:

- Adult clothing purchased for very young children.
- Clothing vouchers issued but not used for 3 months, and during that time another voucher issued.
- Non-clothing items such as jewelry, cups, and water bottles being purchased.

A child is eligible for a clothing allowance at the time of placement and on his/her placement anniversary. The amount of the allowance is based on his/her age at the time of placement or placement anniversary date.

As a reminder the clothing allowance amounts are below:

	0-5 years	\$320.00
Annual Clothing Allowance	6-12 years	\$400.00
	13 and over	\$700.00