

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
June 18, 2013**

**PI 13-15**

**TO:** Directors, County Social Service Boards  
Regional Supervisors  
Division of Juvenile Services  
Tribal Social Services

**FROM:** Dean Sturn, Administrator, Foster Care Program

**SUBJECT:** Initial and Special Clothing Allowance

**PROGRAMS:** Foster Care Maintenance Payments, MC 623-05-30-10

**EFFECTIVE:** **July 1, 2013**

**RETENTION:** Until Manualized

Initial and special clothing allowances will increase effective July 1, 2013 for foster youth placed in family foster care, group and residential child care facilities.

Initial Clothing Allowance:

During the first five months after the child's entry to foster care, the child's clothing needs can be met with an initial clothing allowance, if needed.

The maximum rates for initial clothing allowances are:

Category 20, Code 21

Age 0-4	<del>\$150</del>	\$400
Age 5-12	<del>\$225</del>	\$400
Age 13 and over	<del>\$300</del>	\$400

Special Clothing Allowance:

A special clothing allowance may be utilized to replace clothing lost in a fire, flood, theft, other type of disaster, or for sudden growth spurts.

The maximum rates for special clothing allowances are:

Category 20, Code 22

Age 0-4	<del>\$150</del>	\$250
Age 5-12	<del>\$225</del>	\$325
Age 13 and over	<del>\$300</del>	\$400

The special clothing allowance is not an automatic payment. Prior approval of the county director/designee of the financially responsible county is required.