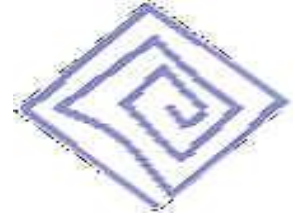


How will I get the clothes I need?

The Department of Health and Human Services, as your legal guardian, wants to help you get the clothes you need and there are a couple of different ways this works.



Monthly Clothing Allowance

Every youth in care or with a signed V-9 agreement receives a clothing allowance. This clothing allowance right now comes to around \$100 each month. Twice a month about \$50.00 is sent to your care provider (that means foster parent, group home staff, or someone like that). This money should be saved and used **ONLY** for clothes and footwear for you.

Note: if you are placed in an emergency shelter or in a hospital, you are not eligible to receive the clothing allowance, but you can receive purchase orders.

Purchase Orders

Sometimes, your caseworker can supplement your clothing allowance with a purchase order for specific needs. A purchase order is a letter that allows you to buy specific items for a specific amount of money. At many stores you have to go to the customer service desk to buy items with a purchase order.

Some specific needs that a purchase order may be given for are:

- If you gain or lose weight
- If your clothes were destroyed or lost
- If you had to move to a new place to live without enough or the right clothes
- If there is a special medical reason
- If you need money for food or personal hygiene items
- If you are placed in an emergency shelter or hospital