



**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
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**Child Welfare Services Memorandum 2014-02**

TO: DFCS Regional/County Directors  
DFCS Social Services Staff  
State Office Staff  
Child Placing Agencies

FROM: Bobby D. Cagle, Interim Director

DATE: July 24, 2014

RE: Increase in the Initial and Annual Clothing Allowance for Children in Foster Care

This memorandum is to inform staff of changes in the clothing allowance rates for children in DFCS custody. This includes children in Family Foster Care, Relative Care, and RBWO placement settings. Effective 07/01/14, the new rates are as indicated:

<b>Initial Clothing Allowance</b>	\$306.00	Birth to age 12
	\$409.00	Age 13 and older

**Annual Clothing Allowance**      \$409.00

The clothing allowances may be used at one time or in increments. However, the Initial Clothing Allowance may only be claimed within the first six months of a child entering foster care. In addition, the Annual Clothing Allowance may not be claimed in the same calendar year as the Initial Clothing Allowance.

Additional information regarding these items are available in Section 3001 - Family Foster Care Programs, Section 3002 - RBWO Foster Care, and Section 3003 - Relative Care Programs of the COSTAR Policy maintained by Field Fiscal Services. The Field Fiscal Services website is <http://167.193.156.254/FFS/>.