

Fund and Implement TEFRA

KNOW THE FACTS

- **TEFRA is a Medicaid State Plan Option that would give children with developmental disabilities basic Medicaid coverage, regardless of their parents' income. These children must meet Louisiana's definition of institutional level of care.**
- **Approximately 2,118 children* in Louisiana would qualify for TEFRA; not all would apply.**
- **18 states and the District of Columbia have implemented TEFRA.****

What Can Legislators Do?

Appropriate \$11.7 Million* in State General Funds for FY19 to implement the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option in Louisiana.

Why Do This?

Medicaid coverage could help meet the needs of children with developmental disabilities on the waiver waiting list, postponing the need for more comprehensive waiver services.

Many children with developmental disabilities who would qualify for TEFRA have private insurance, but their families still face financial struggles when it comes to providing the level of care their child needs.

TEFRA would give families access to certain services for their children that private insurance doesn't cover or imposes limitations.

Medicaid coverage would provide financial relief to these families at minimal cost to the state since Medicaid would be the secondary payer.

* Data and budget figures provided by LDH

** Expanding Access to Medicaid Coverage: The TEFRA Option and Children with Disabilities, a publication of the Catalyst Center: Improving Financing for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, June 2015.