

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.**
 - ◆ **Currently, children with a developmental disability do not have access to Medicaid unless they have a waiver or their parents meet the Medicaid income requirements.**
- **Approximately 1,590 children* in Louisiana would qualify for TEFRA; not all are expected to apply.**
- **18 states and the District of Columbia have implemented TEFRA including:****
 - ◆ **Arkansas**
 - ◆ **Georgia**
 - ◆ **Mississippi**
 - ◆ **South Carolina**

What Can Legislators Do?

Appropriate \$8.4 Million* in State General Funds for FY20 to implement the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option in Louisiana.

Why Do This?

Medicaid coverage would help meet the medical needs of children with developmental disabilities, postponing or alleviating 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. It would also help cover the cost of deductibles and co-pays.

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

** [TEFRA. The Catalyst Center, Center for Advancing Health Policy and Practice.](#)