



## Action Alert #10

### Your State Representative Needs to Hear Why TEFRA Is Important to You!

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Your state representative needs to hear why the funding and implementation of the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option is important to you! On Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the full House will be considering [HB199](#) which directs the state to implement TEFRA.

## How to Take Action

### Contact Your State Representative

Share your personal story and tell them how the implementation of TEFRA would impact you, your family or someone you know. HB199 directs the state to implement TEFRA.

### **Want to watch floor debate online?**

Check out the [legislature's website](#) to see the House schedule and agenda for Monday. You can also watch the live broadcast by clicking on the camera icon when the meeting is in progress.

Do you need help making contact with your legislator(s) or want to become more involved in LaCAN activities? Contact your regional [LaCAN Leader](#) today!

## Background Information

TEFRA is a Medicaid state plan option that allows states to provide Medicaid coverage for children with developmental disabilities, regardless of their parents' income, if the child meets the state's definition of institutional level of care. Currently, children with a developmental disability living at home do not have access to Medicaid unless they have a waiver or their parents meet the Medicaid income requirement.

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 in Louisiana who are eligible for TEFRA have private insurance, but their families still

face financial struggles covering the cost of deductibles, co-pays and necessary treatments and services not covered by their insurance.

Funding and implementing TEFRA would provide many families financial relief at minimal cost to the state because Medicaid would be a secondary payer for those with private insurance.

## **Contact Your State Representative Today!**

### **Contact Us**

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