



Action Alert #14

Let Senate Health and Welfare Committee Know the Importance of TEFRA

May 28, 2019



The Senate Health and Welfare Committee needs to hear from you on the importance of funding and implementing the TEFRA Medicaid State Plan Option.

The Senate Health and Welfare Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 29th, to consider [HB199](#) which directs the state to implement TEFRA in Fiscal Year 20 (FY20). If TEFRA is important to you or someone you know, share your thoughts with Senate Health & Welfare today and attend the meeting in your yellow shirt!

How to Take Action

Contact the Senator(s) from your area on the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and/or the Chair by **8:00 AM, Wednesday, May 29th**. Share your personal story and let them know how the implementation of TEFRA would impact you, your family or someone you know.



When: Wednesday, May 29th at 9 AM

Where: John J. Hainkel, Jr. Room
Louisiana State Capitol - Baton Rouge, LA

Want to attend committee meetings or watch online?

Check out the [legislature's website](#) to view updated committee schedules and agendas. You can also watch the live broadcast by clicking on the camera icon when the meeting is in progress.

Need help getting involved?

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

The funding to implement TEFRA on January 1, 2020 was included in the House's version of the state's Fiscal Year 20 budget ([HB105](#)) but was amended out when Senate Finance met on Monday, May 27th. It is our understanding that substitute language to implement TEFRA on June 1, 2020 was inserted into the bill, but the Senate Finance Committee amendments have not yet been posted.

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 of the children in Louisiana 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.

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 COMMITTEE MEMBERS TODAY!

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