



Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option (TEFRA) Begins January 1st

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has granted approval for Louisiana Medicaid to launch Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option, or TEFRA, effective January 1, 2022. This program allows certain children under 19 years of age with disabilities to receive Medicaid coverage, regardless of parental income.

The TEFRA option disregards family income for children with disabilities who meet specific criteria, so they may qualify for Medicaid to cover the services they need to grow and thrive while living at home. To qualify, children must have a disability that is recognized under the definition utilized in the Supplemental Security Income program of the Social Security Administration and must meet basic Medicaid and institutional level-of-care requirements. Additionally, their care must cost less at home than in an institution.

Applications for the TEFRA program may be submitted beginning January 1, 2022. Applicants must complete four steps which include:

1. Medicaid Application;
2. Level of Care Assessment at your [Local Governing Entity](#);
3. Disability Determination; and
4. Enrollment/Service Coverage through a Healthy Louisiana plan.

Applications for the TEFRA program may be submitted beginning January 1, 2022. Families who are interested in the program cannot begin the full application process before January 1, or they will only be considered for existing Medicaid programs.

The easiest way to complete the enrollment process is by applying for Medicaid using the [self-service portal](#). Agents are also available to help by phone through the toll-free Medicaid hotline at 888-342-6207, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit www.ldh.la.gov/act421 for additional information on eligibility, how to apply and answers to [frequently asked questions](#).

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