

Eliminate Parental Fees Today!

The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act, known as TEFRA, provides a pathway to Medical Assistance for families of children with disabilities requiring high levels of support who do not qualify based on income alone. A similar program exists to provide access to Home and Community Based Supports (HCBS).

SF1201/
HF1434



However, the parental fees associated with these programs are often so high that many families whose children meet the high threshold of care to qualify for these services forgo the programs, leaving their children without access to needed services.

Other families of children with disabilities who opt into these programs are driven deep into debt or face impossible choices between their child's care and basic expenses.

Please act today to pass SF 1201/HF1434 to eliminate parental fees for families of children with disabilities.

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"TEFRA may have 'Equity' in the name, but it is not very equitable to tax families with disabled children just to access services needed to keep them in the community and in their homes." Savage, MN

"WE USED TO BE A TWO INCOME FAMILY, BUT I QUIT MY JOB BECAUSE IT JUST DIDN'T MAKE SENSE FOR ME TO KEEP WORKING WHEN MOST OF MY CHECK WENT STRAIGHT TO TEFRA. HOW DOES THE STATE WIN WHEN PARENTS LEAVE THE WORKFORCE?"
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

"We are unable to get ahead financially. If we work overtime to save money or to do things a typical family would do, like a family vacation, we just get penalized the next year with higher fees. There is literally no 'getting ahead.'"
Chisolm, MN

**"A tax on families (aka TEFRA) to access disability services is wrong and this tax should be eliminated. Families shouldn't be penalized with this tax because they have a loved one that needs services."
Andover, MN.**

"Much of the support we receive for my daughter through her waiver goes directly back to paying TEFRA parental fees rather than actually supporting her needs."
St Louis Park, MN



**Quotes
from TEFRA
families
throughout
Minnesota**

"As a working mom, it is already difficult. The TEFRA fee makes it even more difficult to get ahead. Minnesota should support its working women with disabled kids, not punish them."
Medina, MN

"TEFRA forced us into bankruptcy." Bloomington, MN

"I am up for a promotion at my work, but I almost want to tell my boss to take my name out of the running because I know what a promotion will do to my parental fee." St. Paul, MN
"The Parental fee is about the same as my monthly mortgage payment on my house. Just think about that!" Alexandria, MN

"Our family paid over \$18,000 a year in order to access TEFRA and that is on top of what we pay for private health insurance. The disability tax is real." Minneapolis, MN