

**Subject** Medical Assistance (MA) TEFRA Option

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## Overview

This bill (1) directs the commissioner of human services to develop content to be included on the MNsure website explaining the TEFRA option under MA for applicants who indicate during the online application process that a child in the family has a disability, (2) requires the commissioner to convene a stakeholder group to consider improvements to the TEFRA enrollment and renewal process, and (3) lists the membership of the stakeholder group.

TEFRA is an optional eligibility category under MA. Under this option, only the child's income is counted and parents pay a parental fee. In order to be eligible under the TEFRA option, an individual must:

- be under age 18;
- have a disability determination from the State Medical Review Team (SMRT);
- require a level of home health care comparable to the care provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or ICF/DD;
- have MA home care costs that do not exceed the cost to MA of institutional care;
- live with at least one parent; and
- meet the MA income standard (the income limit is 100 percent of FPG and only the child's income is counted).

## Summary

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1	<b>Direction to commissioner of human services; TEFRA option improvement measures.</b> Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with the Minnesota Eligibility System Executive Steering Committee, using existing appropriations, to develop content to be included on the MNsure website explaining the TEFRA option under MA for applicants who indicate during the online application process that a child in

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	<p>the family has a disability. Specifies the information that must be included in the online content.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to develop a cover letter explaining the TEFRA option under MA, as well as the application and renewal process, to be disseminated along with the application form to applicants who may qualify for MA under the TEFRA option. Requires the commissioner to provide the content and form to the executive director of MNsure for inclusion on the MNsure website.</p> <p>Paragraph (c) requires the commissioner to convene a stakeholder group to consider improvements to the TEFRA option enrollment and renewal process.</p> <p>Paragraph (d) lists the membership of the stakeholder group.</p> <p>Paragraph (e) requires the stakeholder group to submit a report of the group's recommended improvements and any associated costs to the commissioner by December 31, 2020. Requires the commissioner to provide a copy of the report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over MA.</p>



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