

MEDICAID - TEFRA

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

PURPOSE

TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982) gives states the option to make Medicaid (SoonerCare) benefits available to children with physical or mental disabilities who would not ordinarily be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of their parent's income or resources. This option allows children who are eligible for institutional services to be cared for in their homes. Children with disabilities eligible under TEFRA will get full health insurance coverage under Medicaid services that include coverage with SoonerCare Child Health Program.

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See Appendix B for Department of Human Services County Offices.

FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- See "Eligibility"

ELIGIBILITY

- Be under the age of 19;
- meet the Social Security definition of disability;
- have gross monthly income at or below \$2094 and countable resources at or below \$2,000 (only the child's income and resources are counted), these figures are subject to change;
- meet one of the three levels of institutional care which are: intermediate care for the mentally disabled, nursing facility, or hospital;
- must be appropriate to care for the child at home; and
- the estimated cost of caring for the child at home cannot exceed the estimated cost of caring for the child in the institution.

AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Case Management
- Information & Referral
- Locating Alternate Funding

AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED



Aids for Hearing Impaired



Environmental Adaptations



Aids for Vision Impaired



Mobility/Seating & Positioning



Speech Communication

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply for TEFRA at the local DHS office (the same process as applying for Medicaid).
- Call the county office to see if you need to schedule an appointment.
- Bring a denial letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA). If you do not have a denial letter, call SSA at (800) 772-1213 and talk to a representative about your child's eligibility for SSI.
- Complete a TEFRA-1 Physician Assessment Form. The form is available from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services County Offices, the SoonerCare Helpline or the Oklahoma Health Care Authority websites.
- If your child has private insurance coverage that you intend to maintain in addition to any TEFRA eligibility, please document only your actual costs per month for the services listed. If the service is not covered by the insurance provider, or you will not have third party insurance coverage, indicate the full cost of each service provided.