

Medical Assistance under the TEFRA option

Medical Assistance (MA) under the TEFRA option allows MA eligibility for children with disabilities in families with incomes too high to qualify for MA. To be eligible for MA under the TEFRA option, a child must meet all the following requirements:

- Determined ineligible for MA when parents' income is counted
- Younger than 19 years old
- Lives with at least one biological parent, adoptive parent or stepparent
- Certified as disabled by the Social Security Administration or the State Medical Review Team (SMRT)

Parents are not required to pay monthly parental fees unless their child is in out of home placement.

How to apply for Medical Assistance under the TEFRA option

Step 1: Apply for Medical Assistance at www.MNsure.org. Select "Apply for health care WITH financial help."

- If your child is approved for Medical Assistance, you do not need to apply for MA under the TEFRA option.
- If you receive a message that says your child is ineligible for MA due to income, continue to Step 2.

For more information, refer to MNsure's [How To Apply website](#). [Application forms are available online to download and print](#) or call 651-539-2099 or 855-366-7873 for assistance.

Step 2: Contact Hennepin County EZinfo at 612-596-1300. Press 2 for health care benefits.

- Tell the Human Service Representative (HSR) you received a denial from MNsure and you are seeking MA under the TEFRA option for your child. Have your denial notice with you.
- The HSR will submit a referral for your child's disability certification to the State Medical Review Team (SMRT).

Step 3: Work with SMRT to determine if your child meets the disability criteria for TEFRA.

- SMRT will send you a welcome packet explaining the SMRT process and forms you will need to complete. Return forms directly to SMRT.
- SMRT will review your information, which may take several months. When SMRT makes their decision, they will notify you and Hennepin County.
- Contact SMRT at 651-431-2493 or 800-235-7396 if you have questions about this step of the process.

Step 4: Watch for the eligibility determination from Hennepin County.

Hennepin County will notify you when a decision is made on your application for MA under the TEFRA option.

Resources

Hennepin County Economic Supports

Learn about your options for food, cash, health care, emergency and child care assistance, and housing support.

- Call 612-596-1300
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hennepin County Front Door

Special health care services may be available for your child with disabilities.

- Call 612-348-4111
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Websites and online documents with more information (in English only):

- [Hennepin County health care assistance](#)
- [MNsure navigator network](#)
- [Medical Assistance under the TEFRA option](#)
- [Medical Assistance under the TEFRA option for children with disabilities](#) (DHS 7960)
- [Minnesota Health Care Programs](#) (DHS 3182)
- [Minnesota Health Care Programs for people with disabilities](#) (DHS 3546A)
- [Bulletin 23-21-21 DHS Eliminates Parental Fees for Children Receiving MA under the TEFRA Option and HCBS Waivers \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Get help in your language

Contact the [Office of Multicultural Services](#) at 612-348-2193.