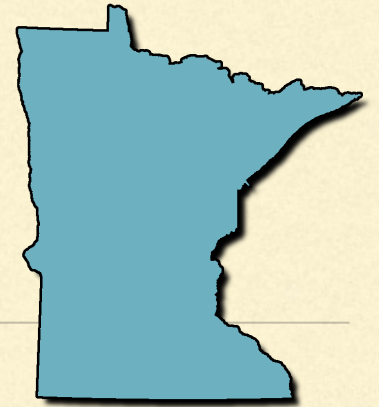


MA - TEFRA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT IS IT?



- TEFRA stands for **T**ax **E**quity and **F**iscal **R**esponsibility **A**ct)
 - TEFRA is not insurance, rather it is a pathway to Medicaid for those who do not qualify for Medicaid based on income requirements alone.
 - It is based on disability certification.
 - Any family with a child who is certified disabled by the state (SMRT) is eligible for TEFRA.
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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



- It allows families of children with disabilities to access care that they cannot access through private health care insurance alone.
 - Many private insurances do not cover many of the therapies needed by children with disabilities.
 - Or if they do, it is in limited amounts (e.g. ten OT visits per year, 50 hours of behavioral therapy per year).
 - TEFRA provides a means to access those therapies.
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR TEFRA?



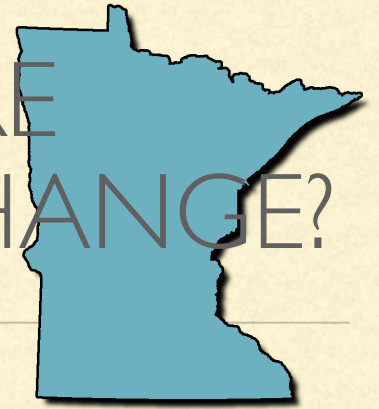
- The child must live with a parent
 - The child must be under age 19
 - The child must be certified disabled by the State Medical Review Team (SMRT) or the Social Security Administration (SSA)
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WHAT DOES IT COST?



- Many families can access Medicaid for their children with disabilities based on meeting income guidelines.
 - For those that families whose income is too high to meet Medicaid guidelines, TEFRA allows them access to the same services on a sliding fee scale that is based on income. This is known as the parental fee.
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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? WHY ARE FAMILIES SEEKING LEGISLATIVE CHANGE?



- The parental fees for TEFRA for some families are exorbitant.
 - Many families paying parental fees are already under considerable financial strain.
 - TEFRA fees operate as a disability tax, that families without disabilities do not have to pay.
 - Many families cannot access therapeutic services available through TEFRA, because the costs are too high.
 - As a result, children are not receiving the intensive therapies that could make a considerable difference in their long term outcomes.
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WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE FEES?

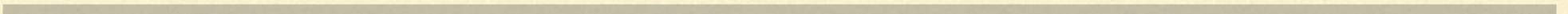


- Parental fee calculator can be found at: <http://pfestimator.dhs.mn.gov>

HOW ARE YOU PROPOSING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?



- We are asking for a 25% reduction in parental fees this year.
- This would cost the state approximately X.



WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION?



- TEFRA affects families from every county, both urban and rural, middle and upper income.
 - Both parties have put forth platforms of support for middle class families.
 - Both parties have put forth platforms of support for disability communities.
 - The current system poses undo hardship on families of children with disabilities.
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