

TEFRA

*Helping you
bring your child's
health care home*



Children can qualify for TEFRA and also be on other insurance. The TEFRA program will help pay for costs not covered by that insurance. TEFRA will act as a supplementary insurance to your primary insurance.

****Cases are reviewed every 12 months from start date. Your DHS caseworker and OHCA staff member may request additional information regarding your child's case at that time.**

For more information on the TEFRA program, visit www.okhca.org/tefra or call the SoonerCare Helpline at 800-987-7767.



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What is TEFRA?

Who qualifies?

What's next?

Under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), Oklahoma can provide SoonerCare (Medicaid) coverage to children:

- With severe intellectual disabilities and/or chronic/acute medical conditions
- Who qualify to be cared for in a hospital, nursing home or intermediate care setting even if they are living at home.



**This can include intellectual disabilities with other secondary diagnoses including mental illness.*

A child's income, not the parent's income, is considered when determining a child's eligibility for SoonerCare. The TEFRA program makes it possible for families to care for their children in the home.



The TEFRA program is partially funded by the Oklahoma tobacco tax.

The child must:

- * Live with their parent(s) at home in a healthy and safe environment
- * Meet the Social Security Administration (SSA) disability definition
- * Have parents with too much income to qualify for SoonerCare (other income guidelines will apply)
- * Be under age 19 and an Oklahoma resident
- * Be a U.S. citizen or a qualified alien
- * Have a Social Security Number
- * Have a cost of home care less than it would cost to live in a hospital, nursing home or intermediate care setting.

Where can I apply?

The TEFRA application can be found at www.okhca.org/tefra. The other forms needed to apply can be found at www.okdhs.org and then should be submitted to any Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) county office. A DHS caseworker will verify whether or not your child meets the basic requirements for TEFRA assistance. The DHS caseworker will also contact the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to make a medical determination.

Call your county office to schedule an appointment. Go to www.okdhs.org for a list of county offices. **Review the "TEFRA Checklist" to find the required documents needed to help with the application process. If documentation is missing and/or not complete, the application process will be delayed.**

- If additional documentation is needed, you will be contacted by your DHS caseworker.
- You will be mailed an approval or denial letter once your application process is completed. If you have questions or concerns after submitting your application, please contact your DHS caseworker for more information.

If you are approved:

- A home visit may be scheduled to see if appropriate health care can be provided.
- You will be contacted by OHCA to educate you on your child's health benefits through SoonerCare.
- You will receive a letter from DHS telling you when your child's benefits begin and a SoonerCare medical ID card for your child. (This card must be presented for your child to receive services.)

SoonerCare services:

Children will receive full SoonerCare services when approved for the TEFRA program.

Some benefits are:

- Well-child checkups
- Pharmacy
- Medical equipment
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Dental
- Vision
- Outpatient services
- Hospital care
- Emergency and non-emergency transportation